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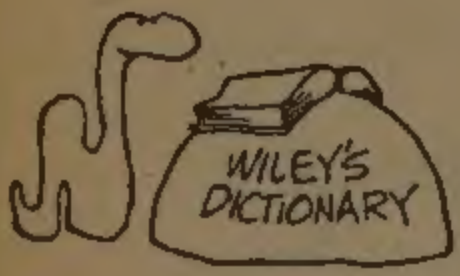

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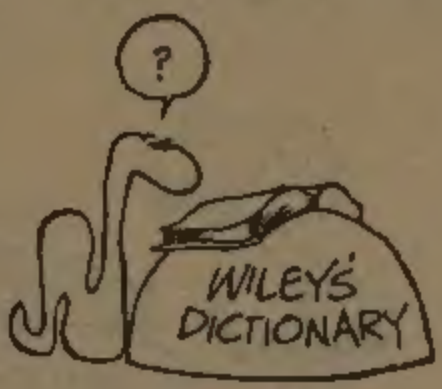

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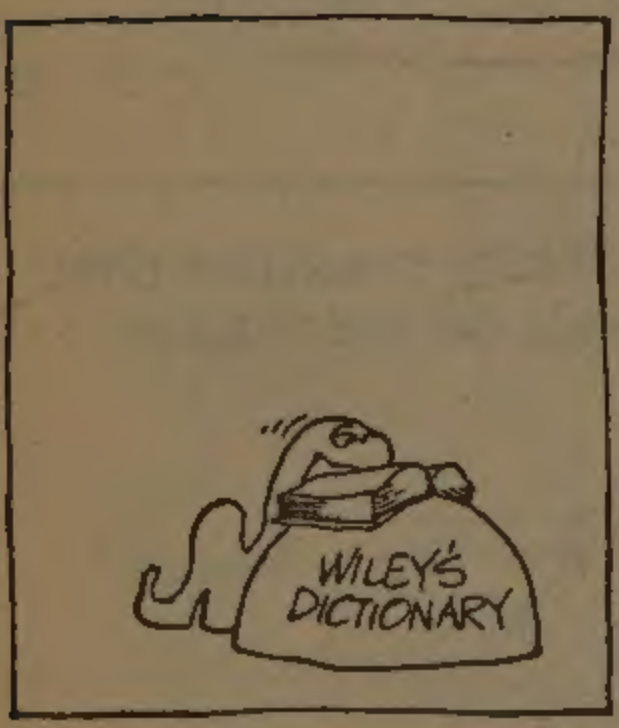

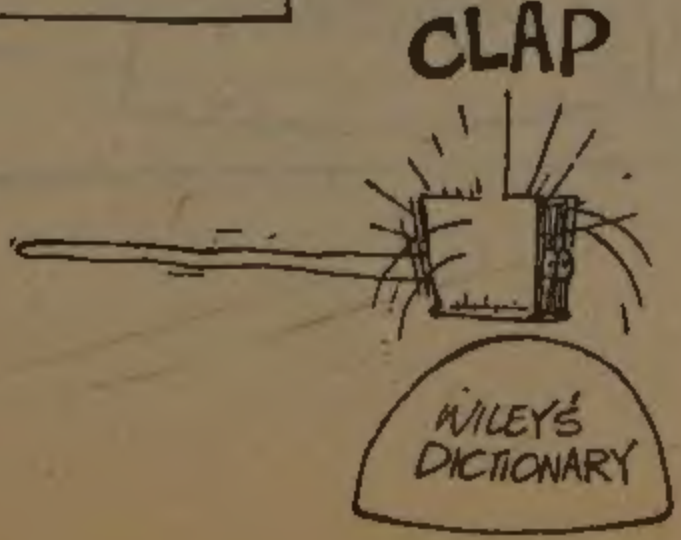

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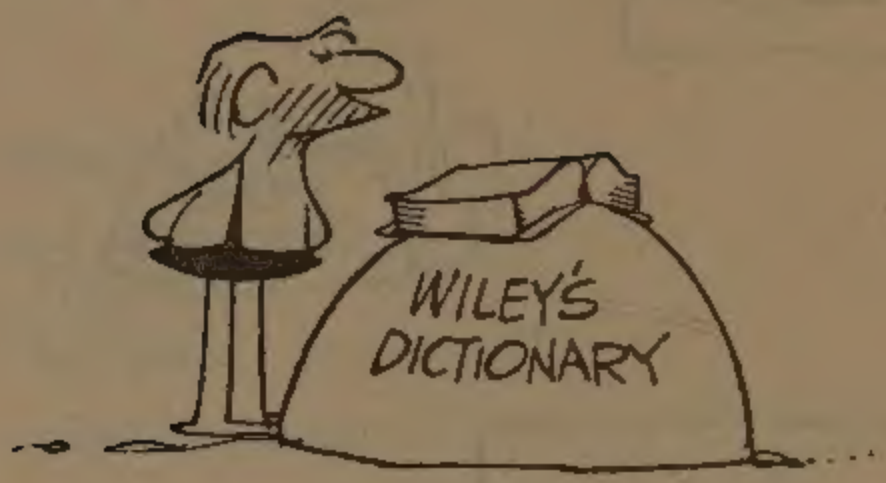
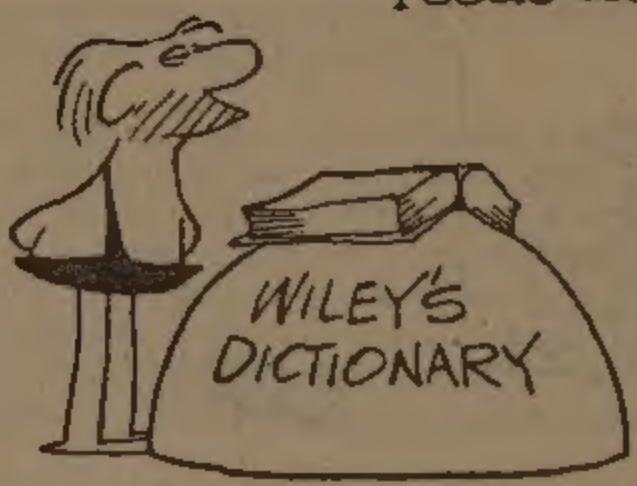


a crafty creature that feeds on witnesses.



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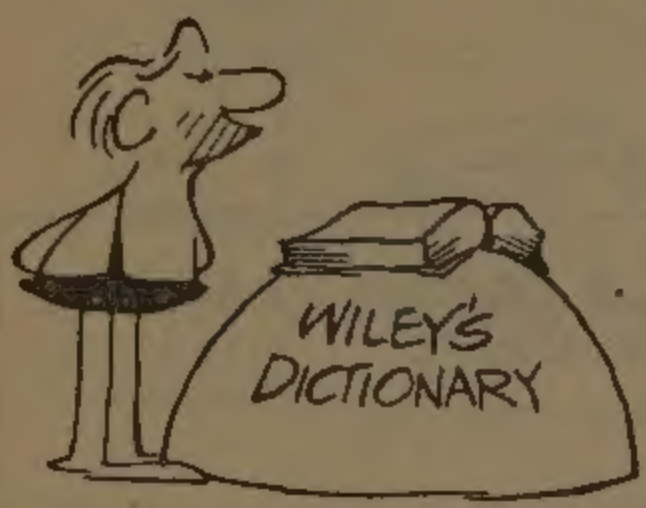

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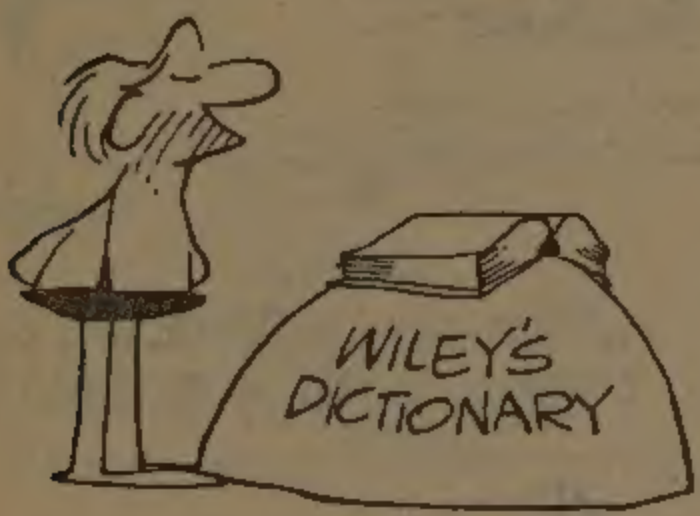

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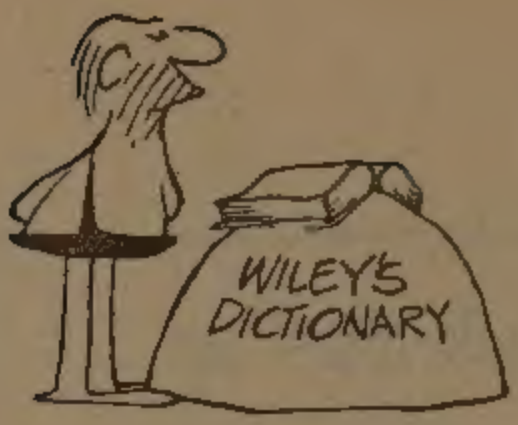
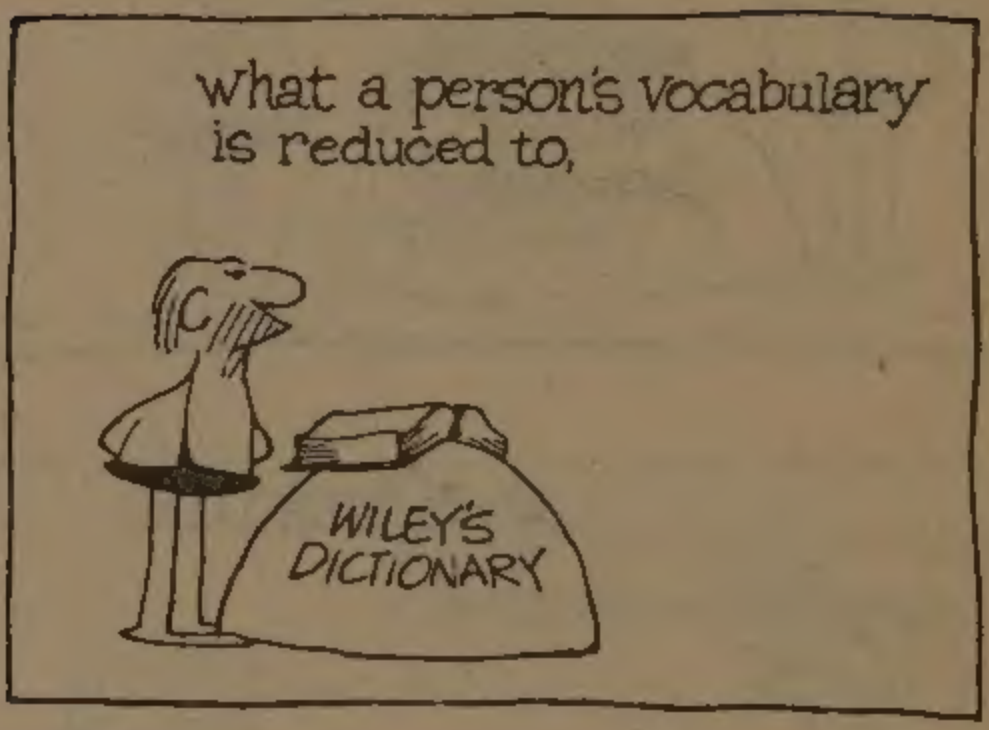
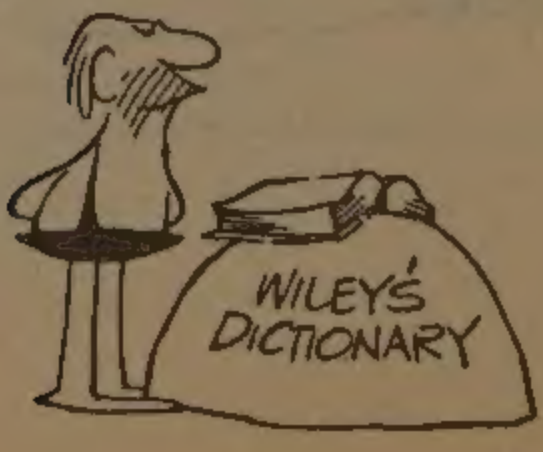




when you hold down their
tongue with a stick.



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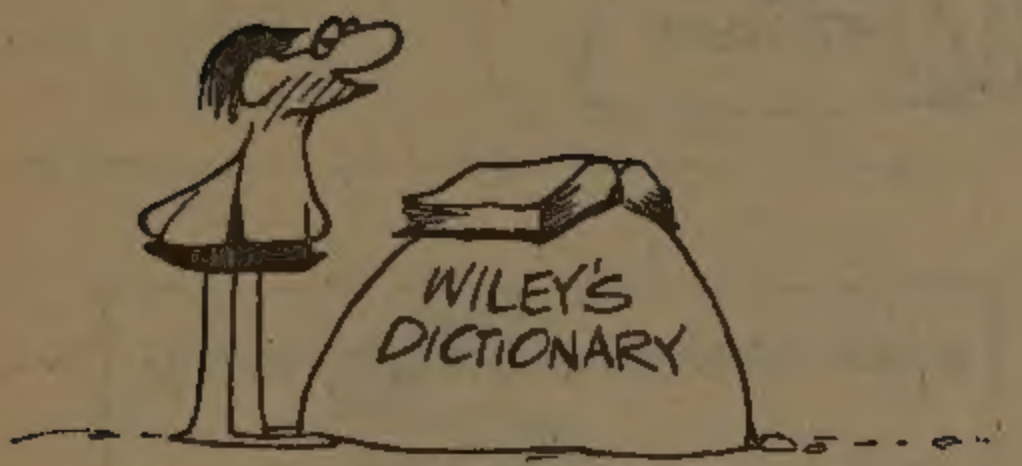

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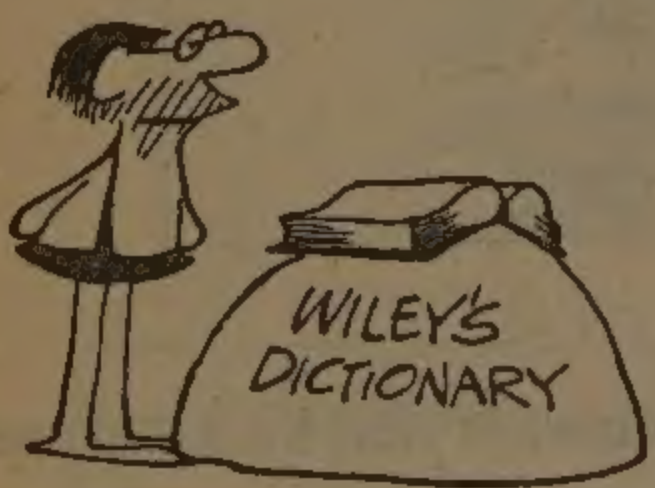
an obnoxious relative that arrives by mail



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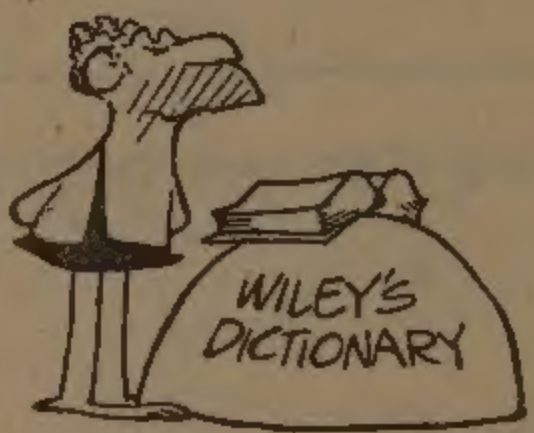
a new name for situation comedy.



which has been crying for a new name.

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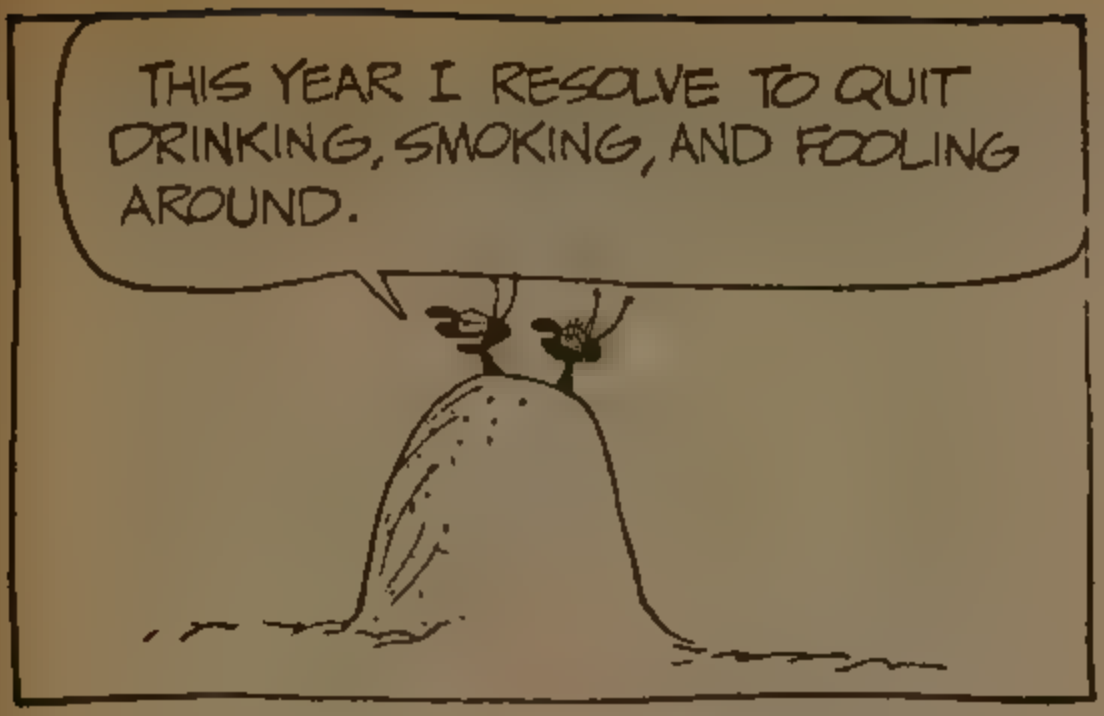
THIS YEAR I RESOLVE TO QUIT DRINKING, SMOKING, AND FOOLING AROUND.

SWAT

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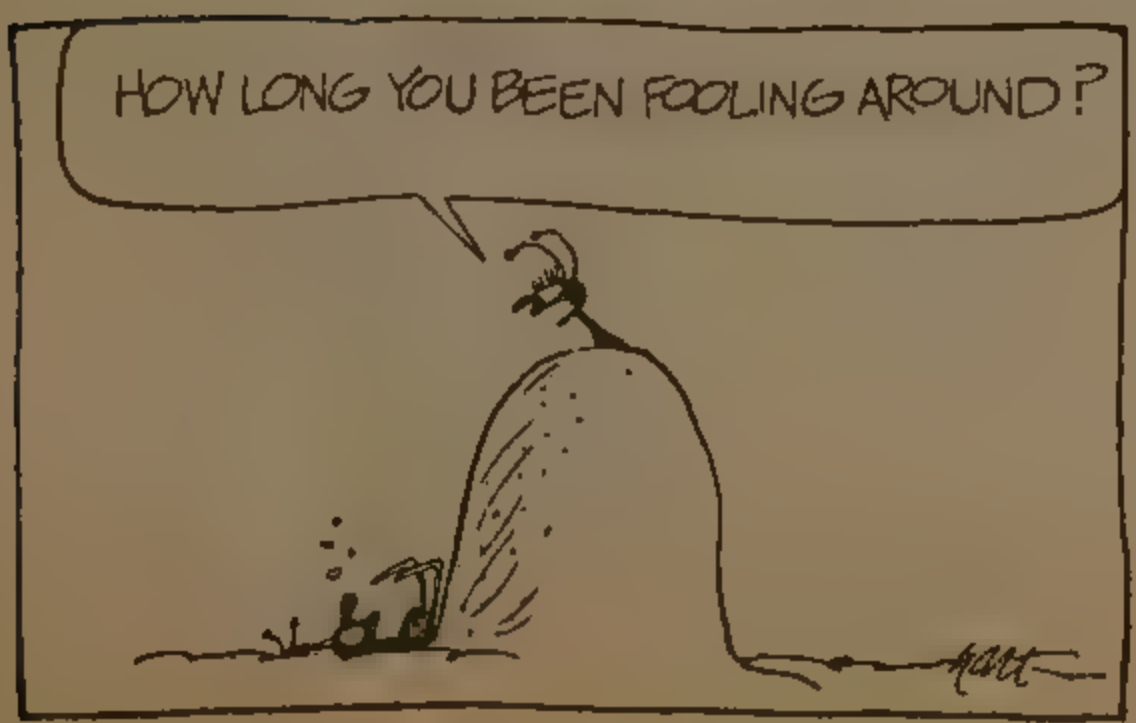
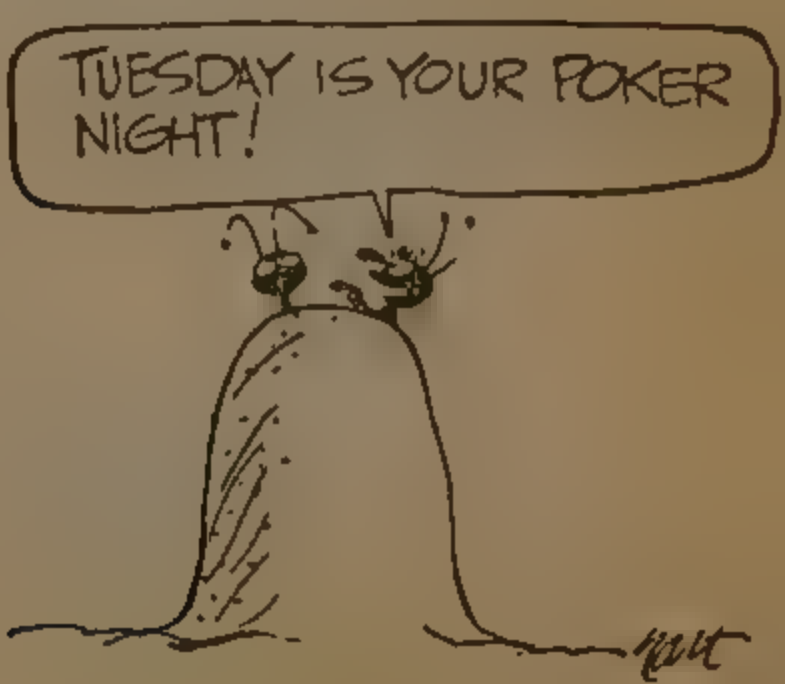

HOW LONG YOU BEEN FOOLING AROUND?

I RESOLVE NEVER TO LIE AGAIN!
WHERE WERE YOU LAST NIGHT?

OUT WITH SOME HUSSY.
AHA! YOU BLEW YOUR RESOLVE!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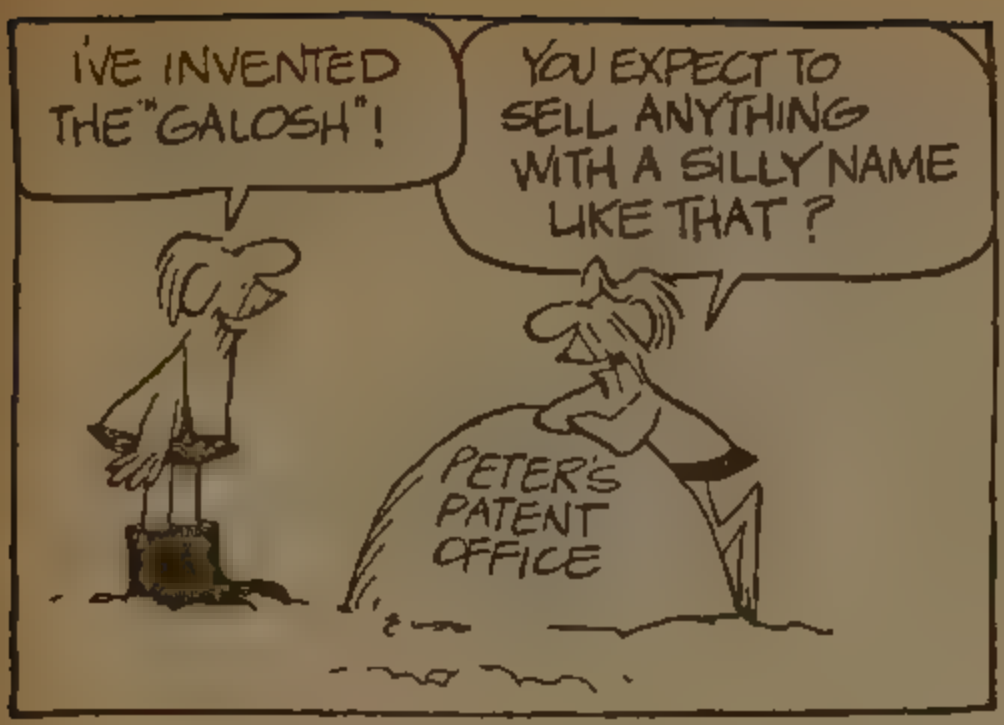
I'VE INVENTED THE "GALOSH"!
YOU EXPECT TO SELL ANYTHING WITH A SILLY NAME LIKE THAT?
PETER'S PATENT OFFICE

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
GALOSH GALOSH GALOSH
PETER'S PATENT OFFICE

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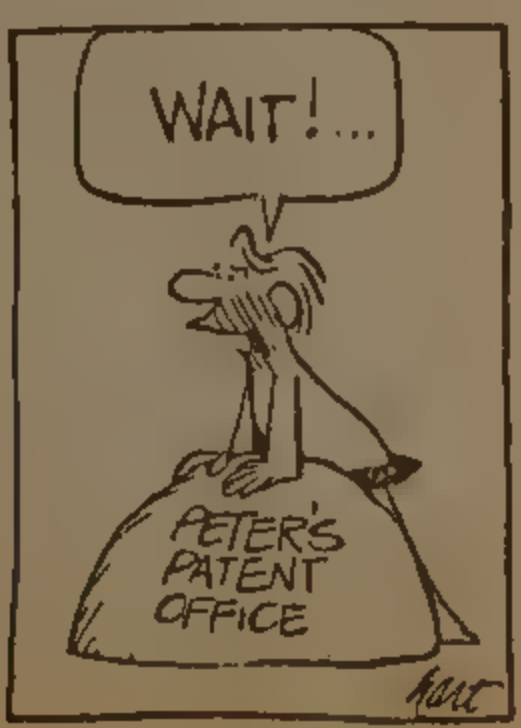
WAIT!...
PETER'S PATENT OFFICE

DAD IS IT TRUE AN ANT CAN CARRY 10 TIMES HIS OWN WEIGHT?

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THAT'S A SILLY QUESTION.

I GOT YOUR MOTHER OVER THE THRESHOLD, DIDN'T I?

CAN I COME IN?
WHO IS IT?
KNOCK KNOCK

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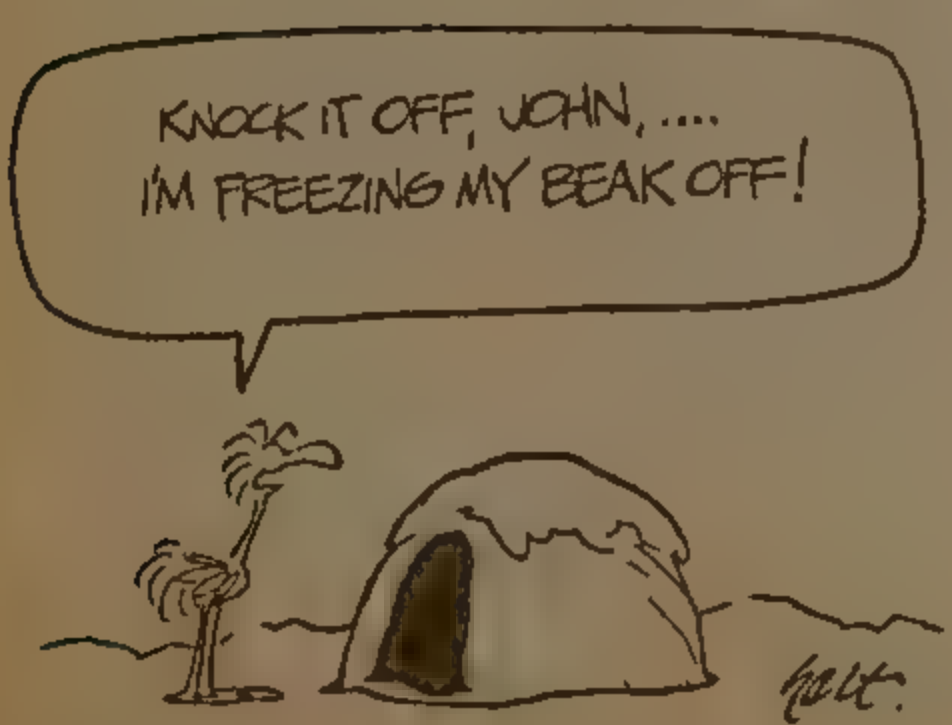
IT'S ME, YOUR FAITHFUL COMPANION.
WHAT'S THE PASSWORD?


KNOCK IT OFF, JOHN, ... I'M FREEZING MY BEAK OFF!

FAILING TO REMEMBER YOUR WIFE'S 144 th BIRTHDAY

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LOOK, LOOK, SEE DICK SMILE.

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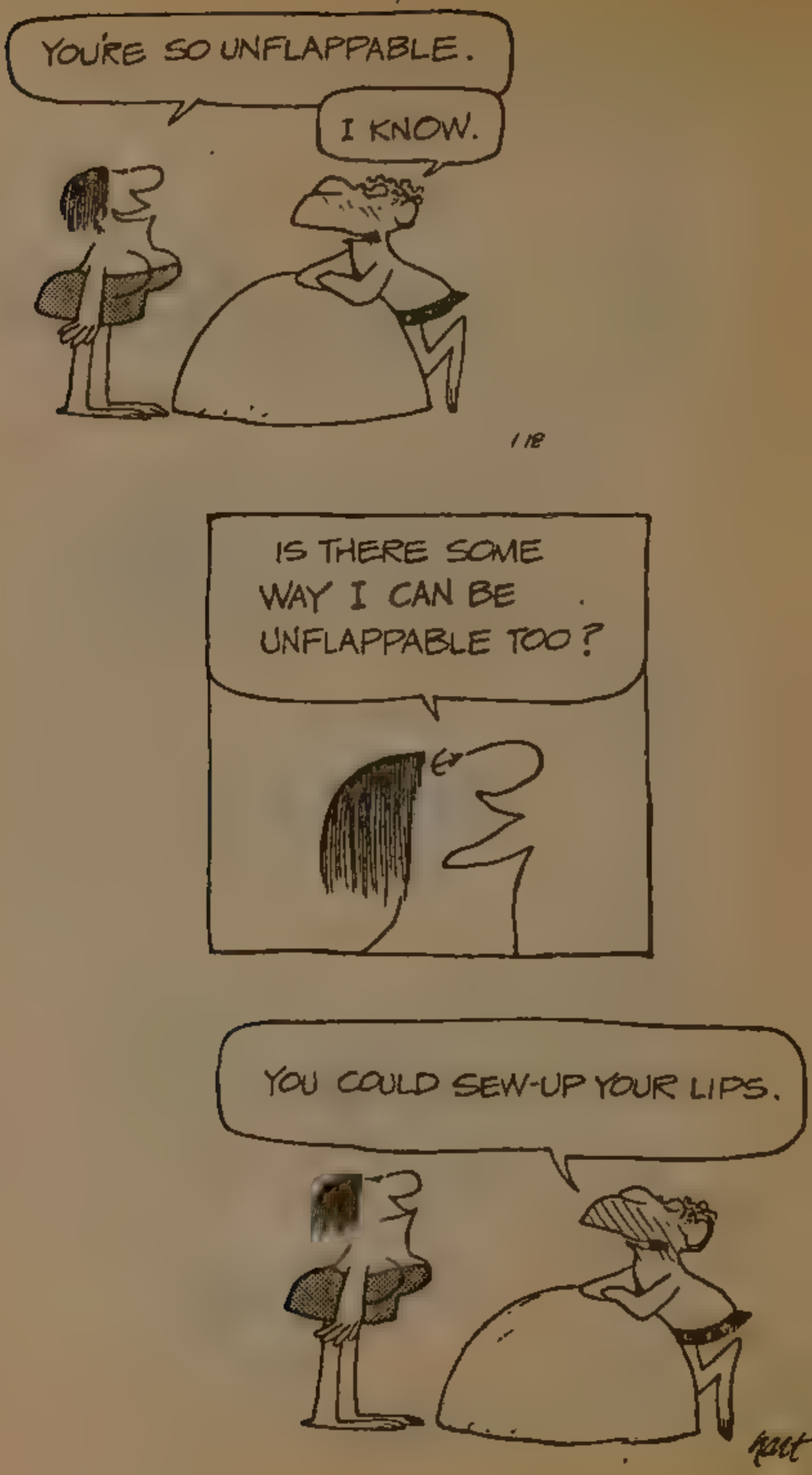
OH, LOOK, SEE JANE SMILE.

DICK AND JANE ARE PLEASED.

SPOT HAS DONE A CRITIQUE ON THE NEWS MEDIA.


YOU'RE SO UNFLAPPABLE.
I KNOW.
IS THERE SOME WAY I CAN BE UNFLAPPABLE TOO?
YOU COULD SEW-UP YOUR LIPS.

YOU SENT FOR ME?
YEAH, I'D LIKE YOU TO CLEAN UP MY CAVE, IT'S A MESS!
SORRY!
I SUPPOSE YOU DON'T DO WINDOWS..

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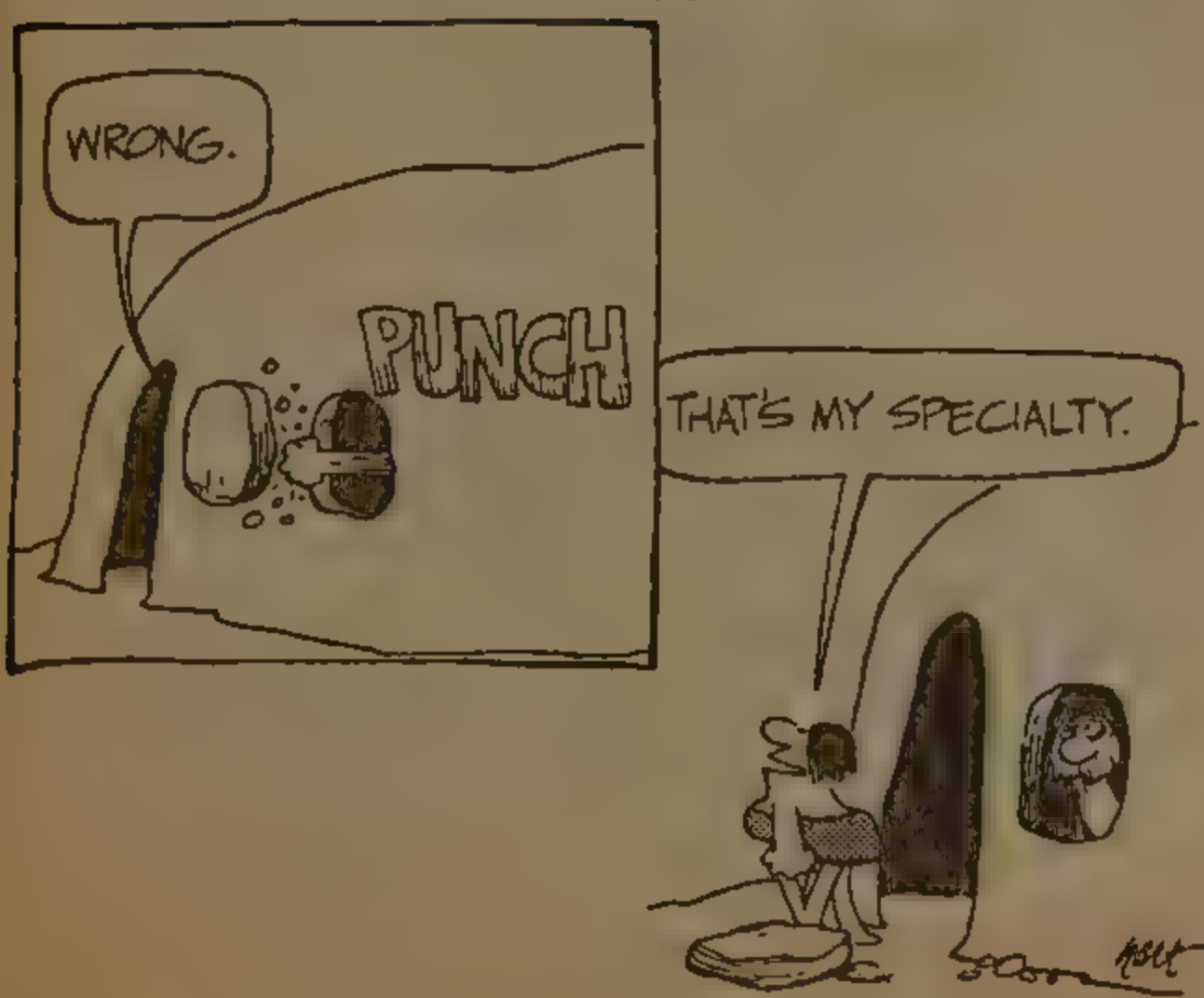
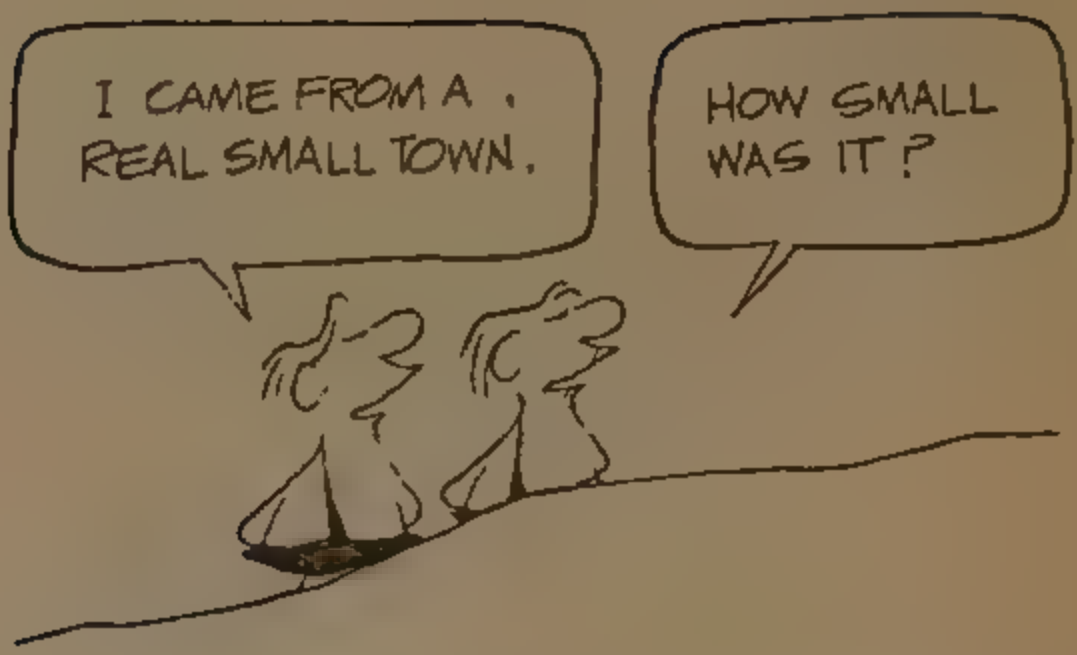

WRONG.
PUNCH
THAT'S MY SPECIALTY.


I CAME FROM A REAL SMALL TOWN.
HOW SMALL WAS IT?

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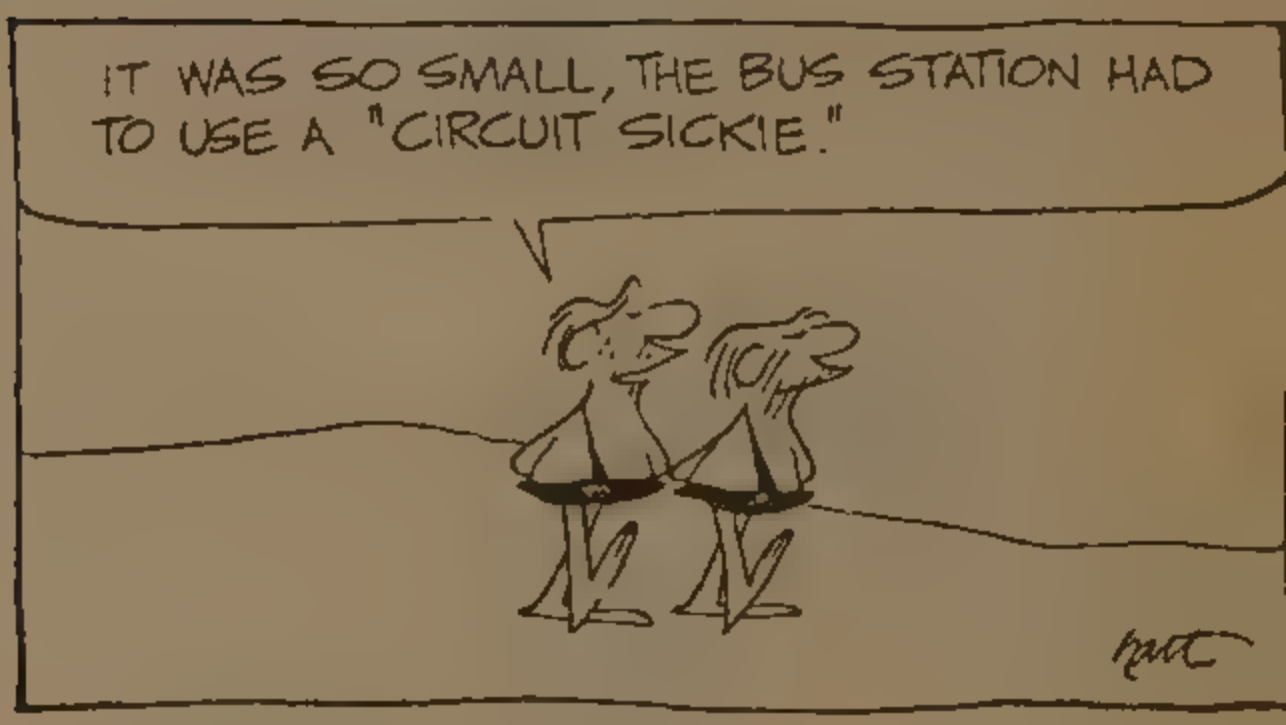

IT WAS SO SMALL, THE BUS STATION HAD TO USE A "CIRCUIT SICKIE."

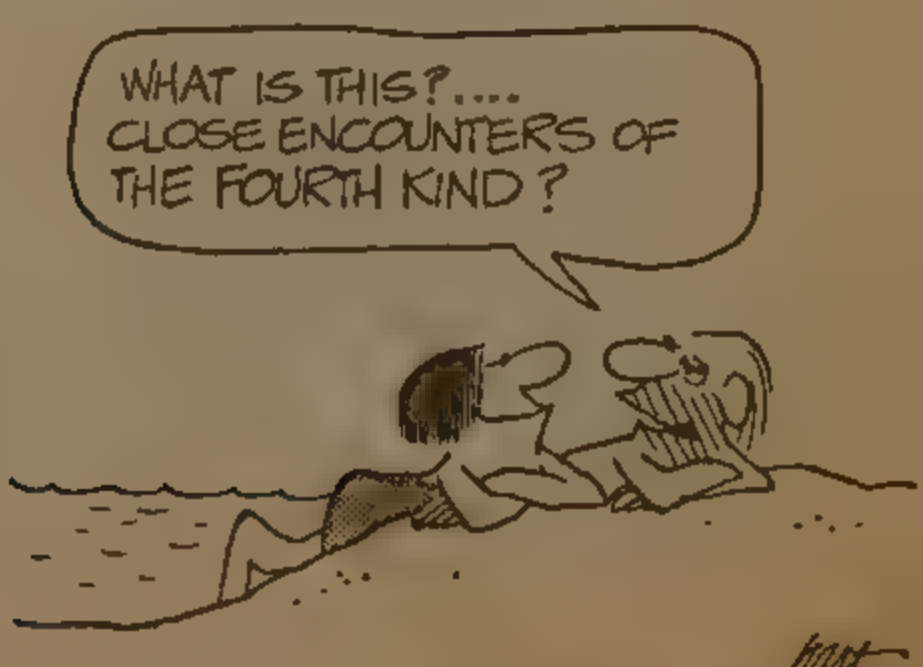
IS IT GOOD OR BAD NEWS?
TELEGRAM.
1 21

I'M JUST THE MESSENGER, SIR.
THANK YOU. HERE'S A TIP.

KEEP IT. YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT.

I HAVE THIS ROMANTIC FANTASY.
WHAT IS IT ?

I'M WITH SOME HANDSOME DUDE LIKE YOURSELF AND WE DANCE ALL NIGHT ON THE LIP OF A VOLCANO.


WHAT IS THIS?.... CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FOURTH KIND ?

I'M HAVING A LOT OF TROUBLE WITH MY BACK.
DR. PETER
HEAD SHRINKER
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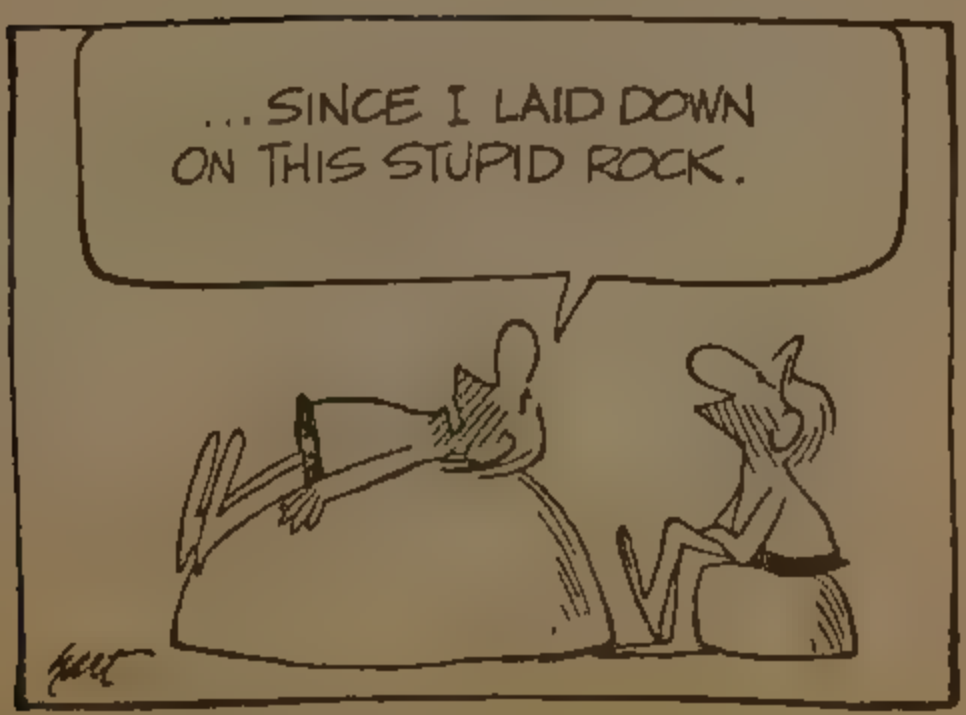
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN BOTHERING YOU?


...SINCE I LAID DOWN ON THIS STUPID ROCK.

IT MUST BE AWFUL NOT TO BE ABLE TO WALK.
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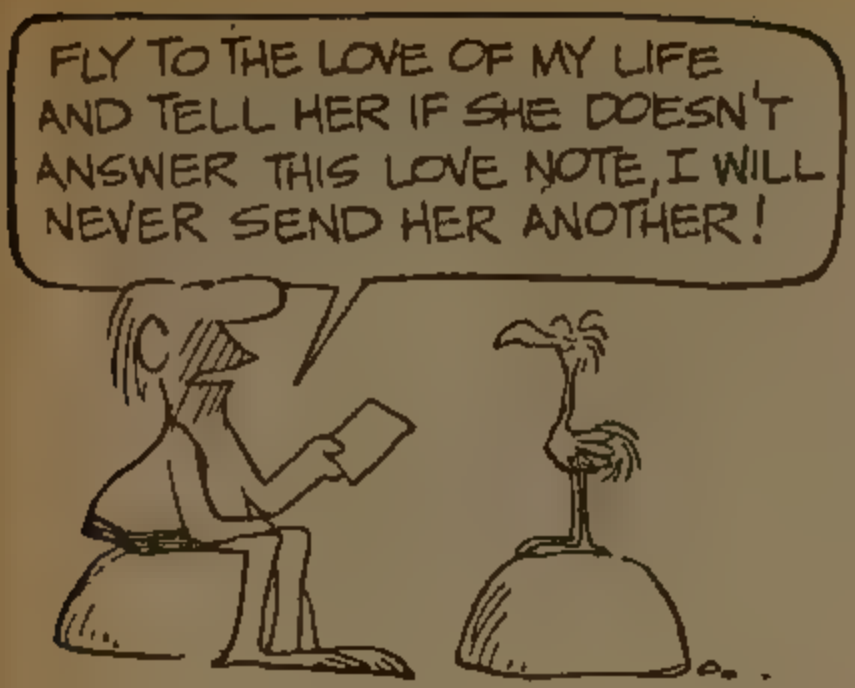
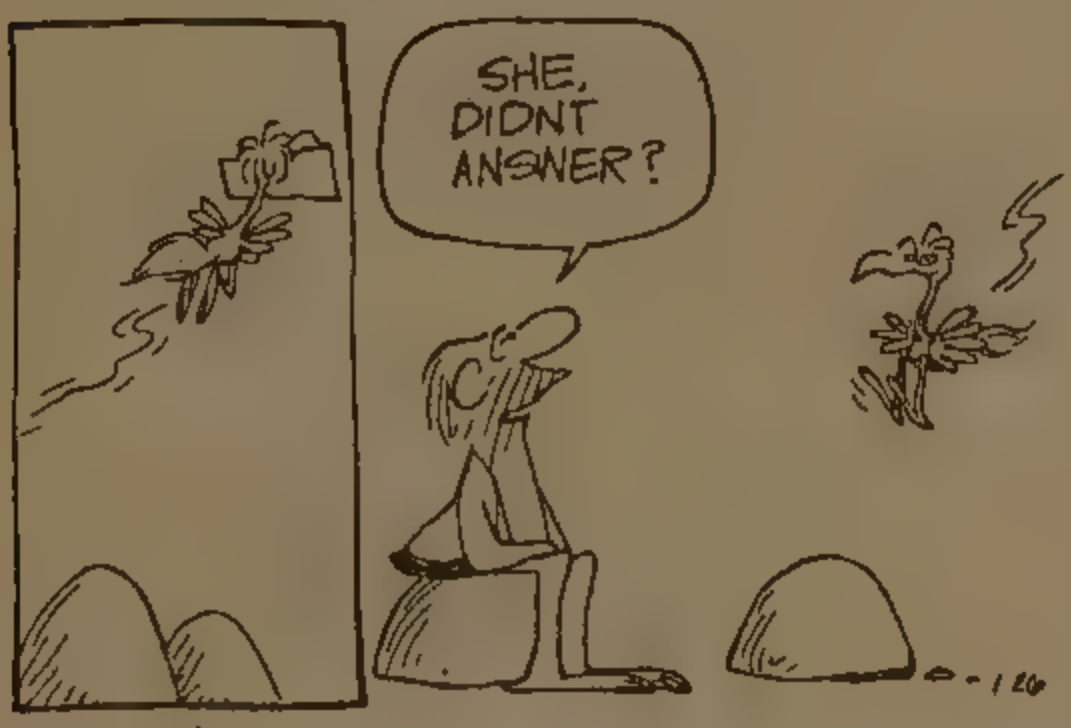
IT'S NOT SO BAD...

WHAT TIME IS YOUR NEXT FLIGHT?


FLY TO THE LOVE OF MY LIFE AND TELL HER IF SHE DOESN'T ANSWER THIS LOVE NOTE, I WILL NEVER SEND HER ANOTHER!


SHE DIDNT ANSWER?

SHE WAS TOO BUSY UNCORKING A BOTTLE OF CHABLIS.

WHY SO GLUM?
I HAVENT HAD ANY MAIL SINCE LAST OCTOBER!.

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HERE IT COMES NOW!

WHY, IT'S NOTHING BUT A LOUSY CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE.
FOR THAT I HAD TO GET UP IN THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER?
US MAIL

WHAT DOES THAT BIG FLUFFY CLOUD REMIND YOU OF ?
1-28
CONDENSED WATER VAPOR.
HOW PICTURESQUE CAN YOU GET?

I'D LIKE SOMETHING FOR A GIRL WITH REAL CLASS.
IS SHE SEEING YOU?
UNIQUE GIFTS
1-30

YES.

HOW ABOUT A SOUVENIR TURTLE FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO?
UNIQUE GIFTS.
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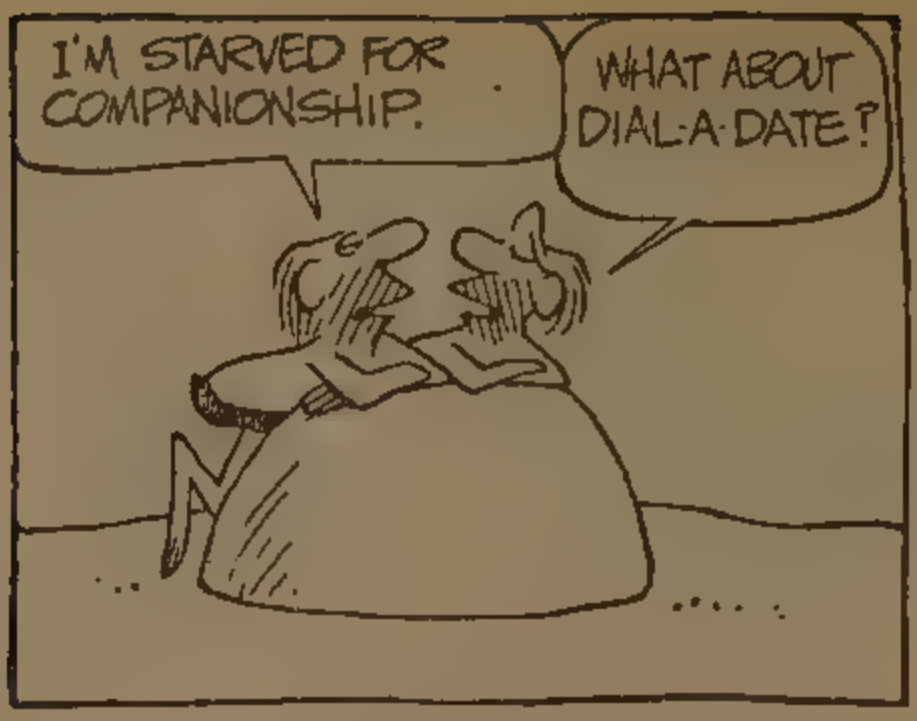
BOY, COULD I GO FOR A PEANUT-BUTTER AND ANT SANDWICH.

HERE'S A PERFECT SPOT.

. NOW TO WAIT FOR AN ANT WITH A PEANUT-BUTTER SANDWICH.


I'M STARVED FOR COMPANIONSHIP.
WHAT ABOUT DIAL-A-DATE?

NOTHING DOING.... I TRIED THAT ONCE.
WHAT HAPPENED?

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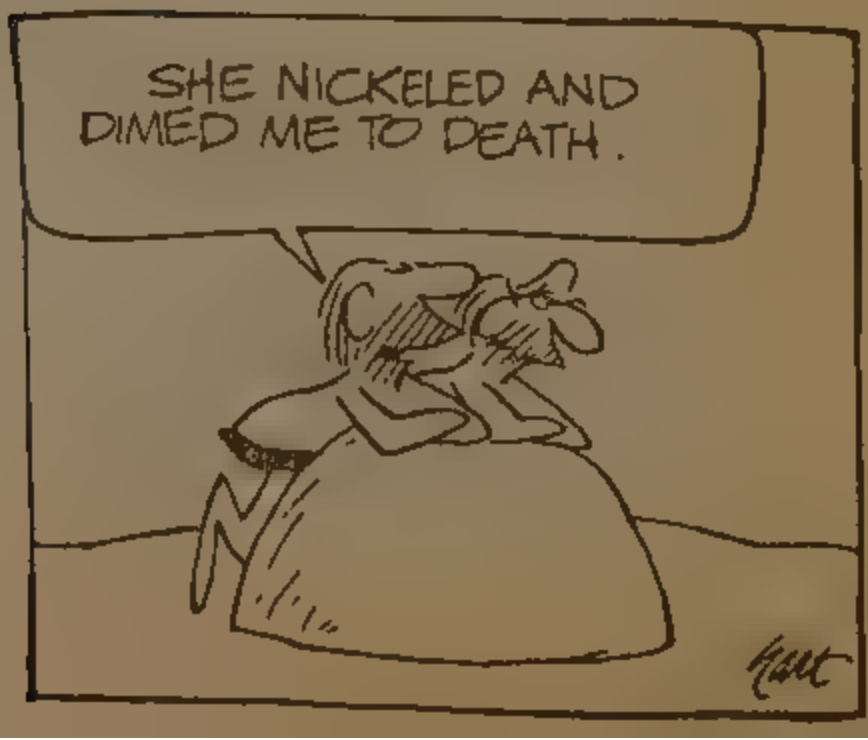
SHE NICKELED AND DIMED ME TO DEATH.

I THINK I'LL START JOGGING AND LOSE SOME WEIGHT.

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WHATTA YOU GONNA DO, JOG AROUND THE WORLD?
NOT JUST YET...

...FIRST I THINK I'LL WORK OUT WITH THE GLOVES A LITTLE.

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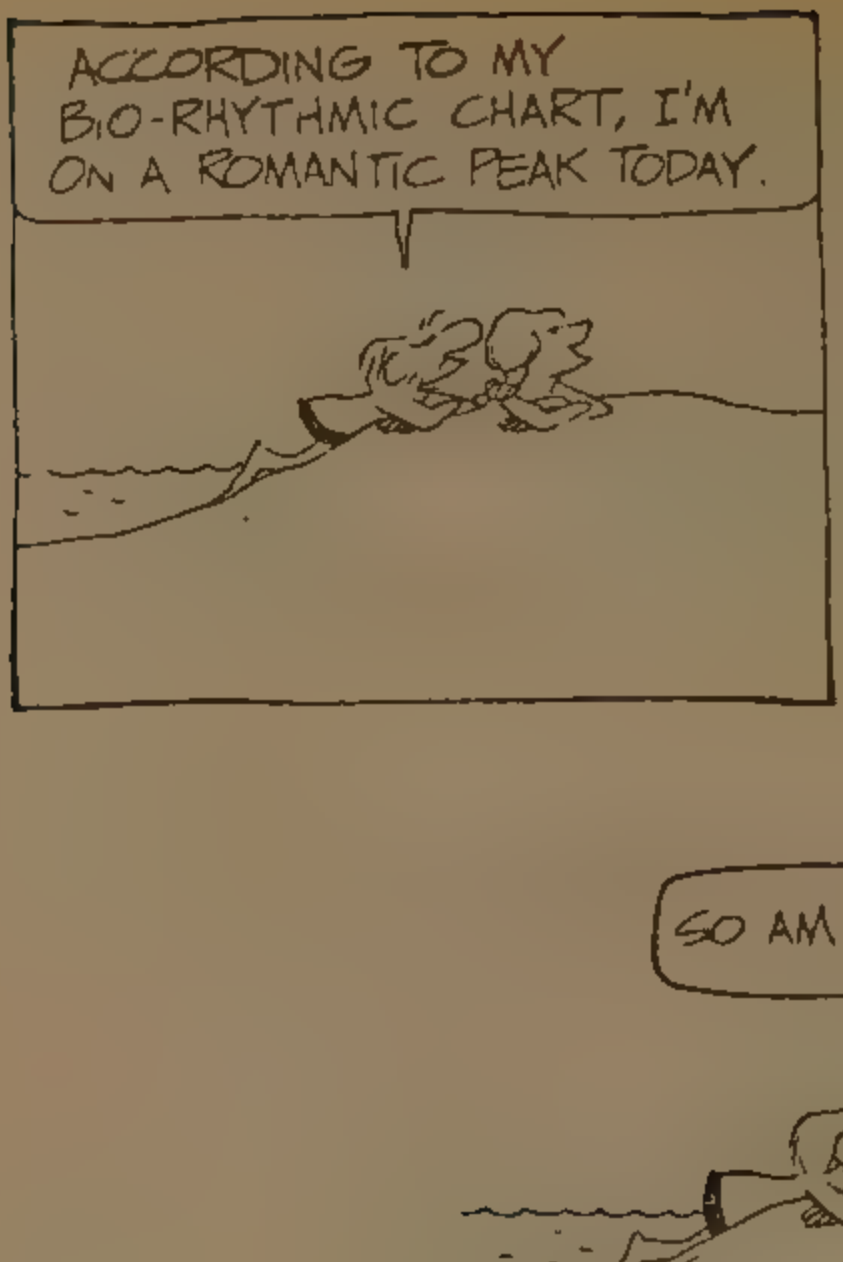
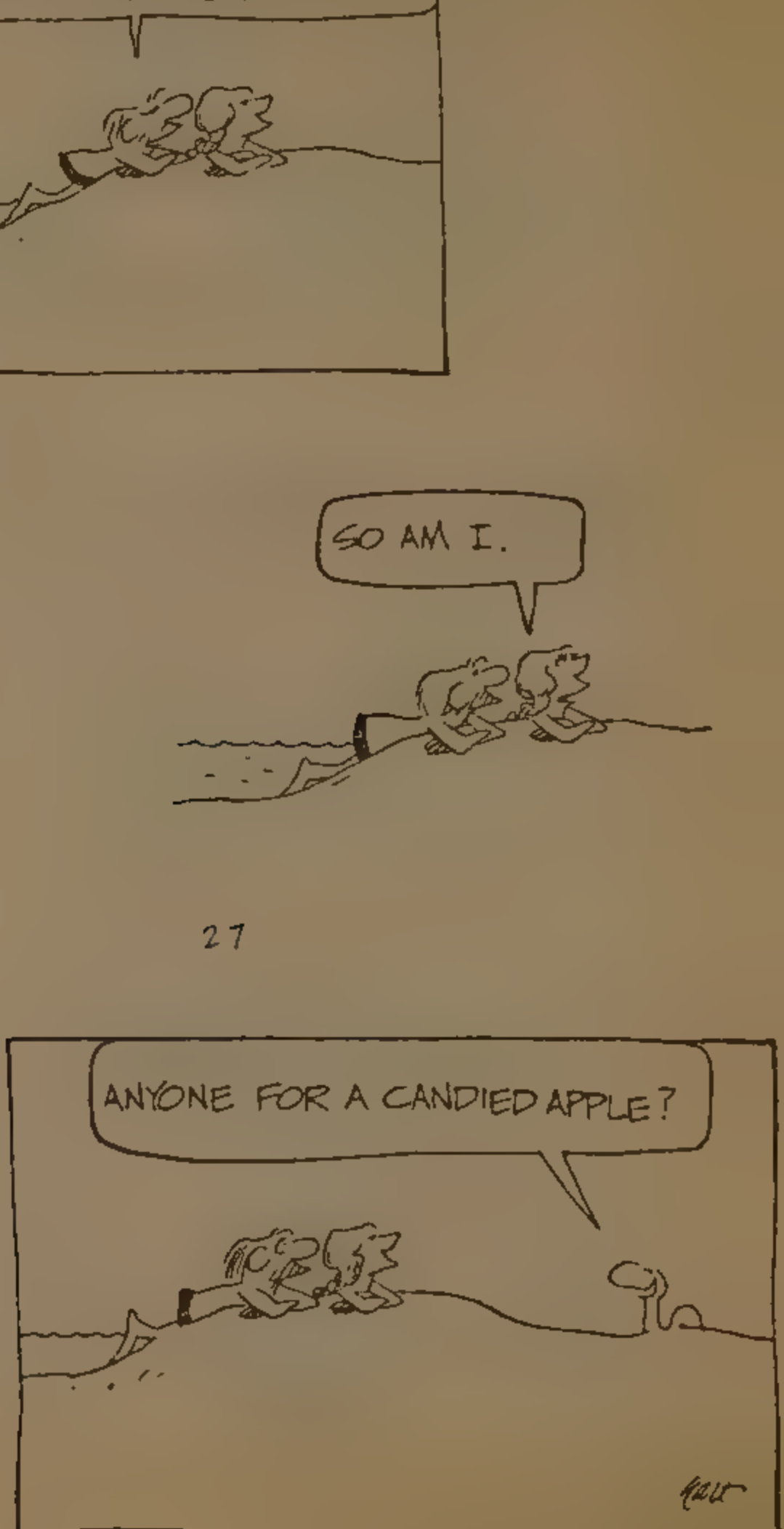

ACCORDING TO MY BIO-RHYTHMIC CHART, I'M ON A ROMANTIC PEAK TODAY.

SO AM I.


ANYONE FOR A CANDIED APPLE?

I HEAR YOU ONCE PLAYED PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY FOR THE VANCOUVER VAMPIRES.
THAT'S RIGHT!

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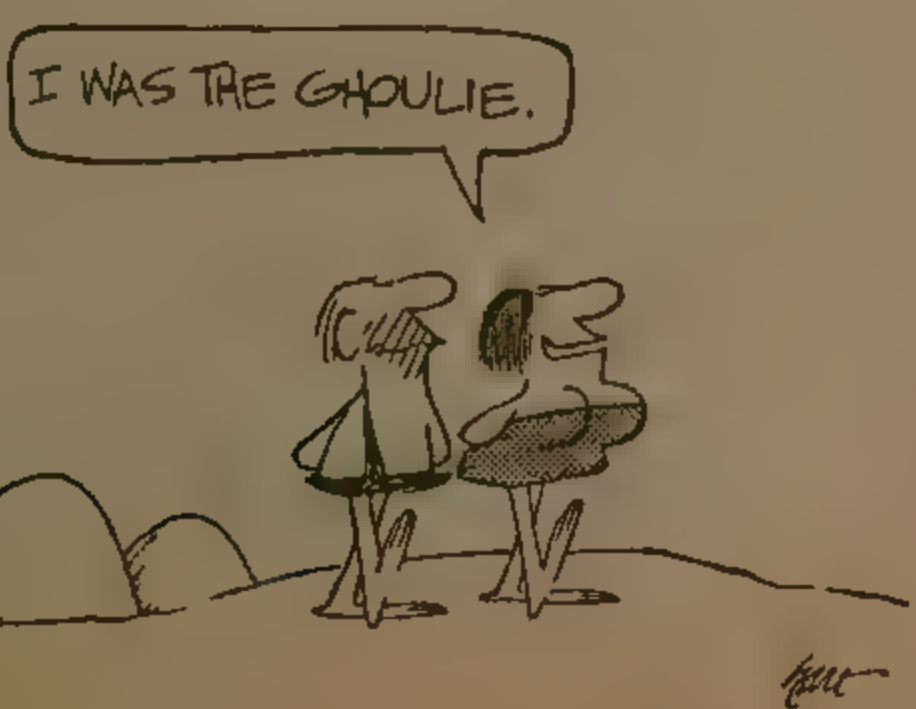
WHAT POSITION ?


I WAS THE GHOULIE.

CONGRATULATIONS, I JUST HEARD YOU WERE VOTED GRAND SACHEM OF THE BENEVOLENT ORDER OF TURTLES.
THANKS

SORRY I'M ONLY A YEAR LATE.
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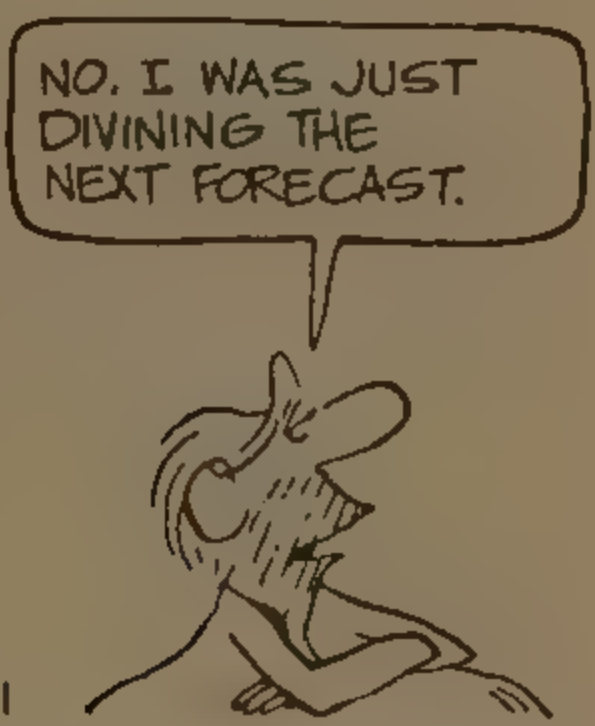
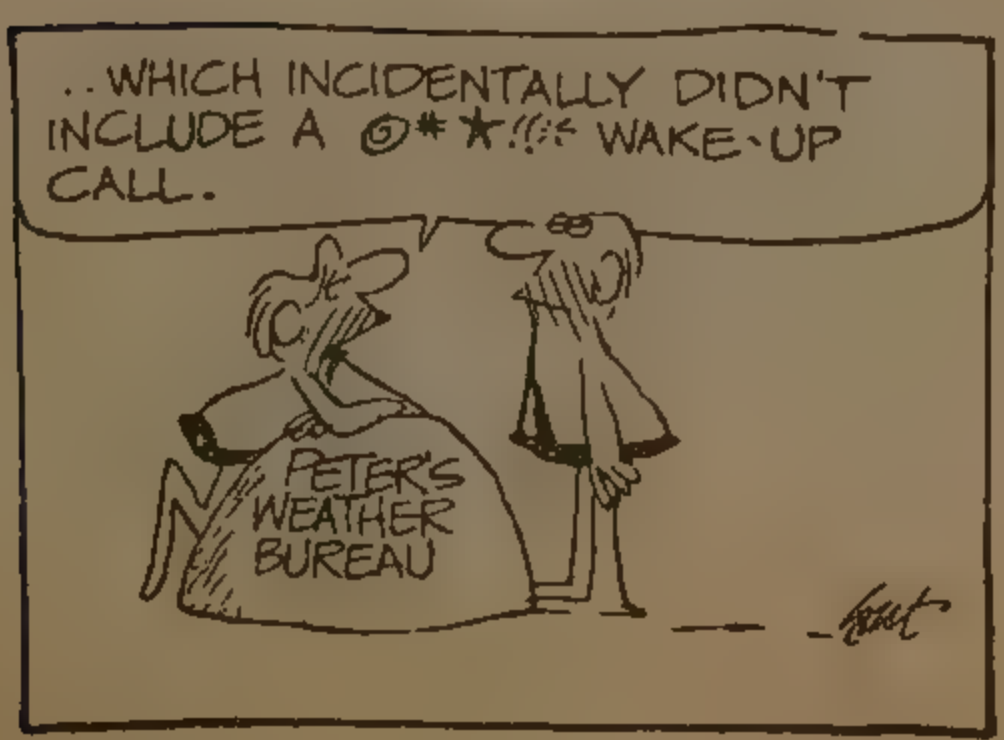
THAT'S OK, NEWS TRAVELS FAST NOWADAYS.

ARE YOU ASLEEP, PETER?
PETER'S WEATHER BUREAU


NO. I WAS JUST DIVINING THE NEXT FORECAST.


..WHICH INCIDENTALLY DIDN'T INCLUDE A @*★!?$ WAKE-UP CALL.
PETER'S WEATHER BUREAU

MAUDE, I'VE JUST WON THE LOTTERY, 1000 BUCKS A WEEK FOR LIFE!
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OH, JAKE,... WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU'RE GONNA DO?

GIVE UP SMOKING AND DRINKING.

IS THIS A SLOW NEWS DAY?
YEAH, WHATTA YOU GOT?
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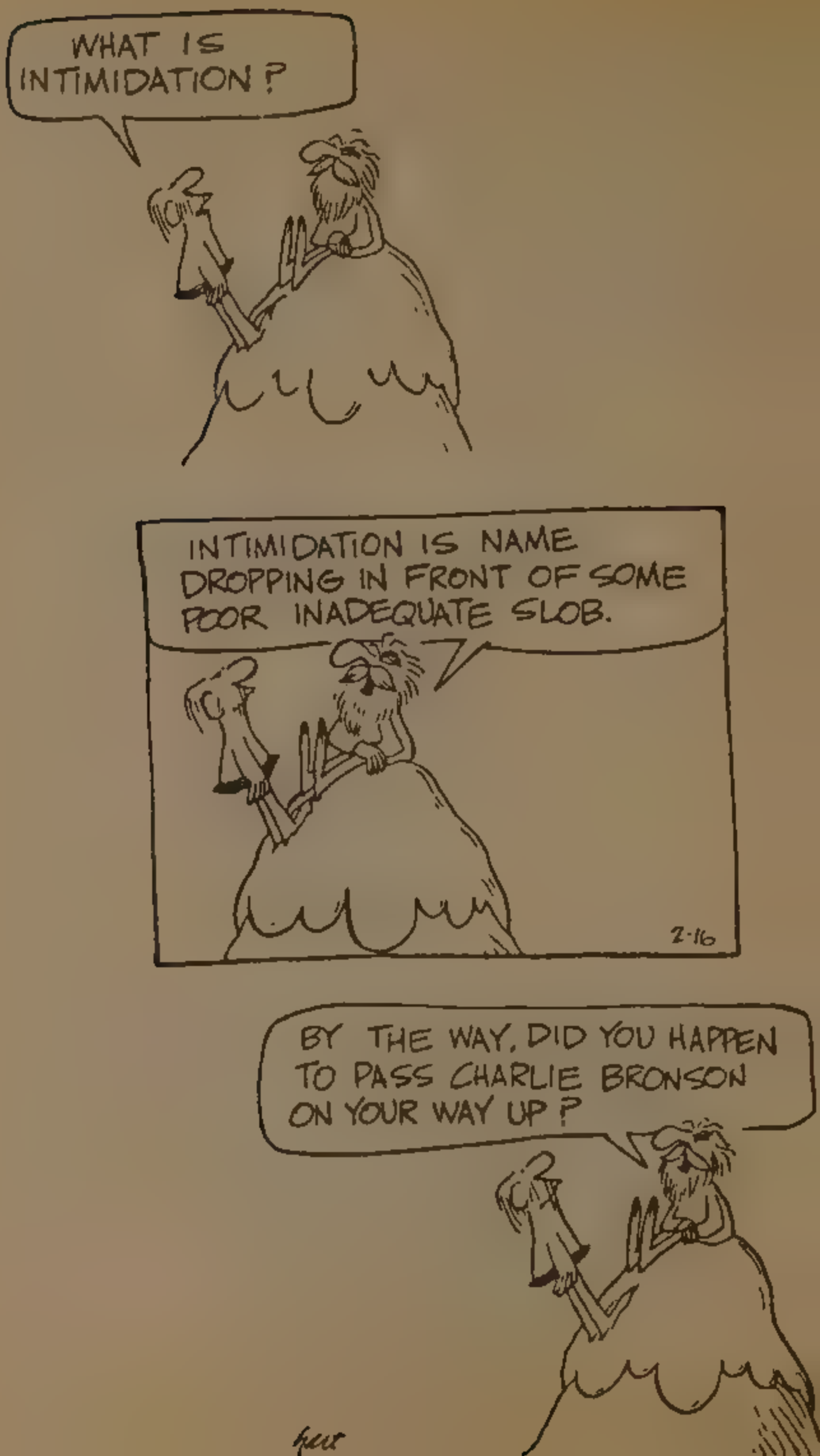
I GOT A BIG SCOOP ON ICE CREAM.
KILL THE FRONT PAGE, CHARLIE!


WHAT IS INTIMIDATION?
INTIMIDATION IS NAME DROPPING IN FRONT OF SOME POOR INADEQUATE SLOB.
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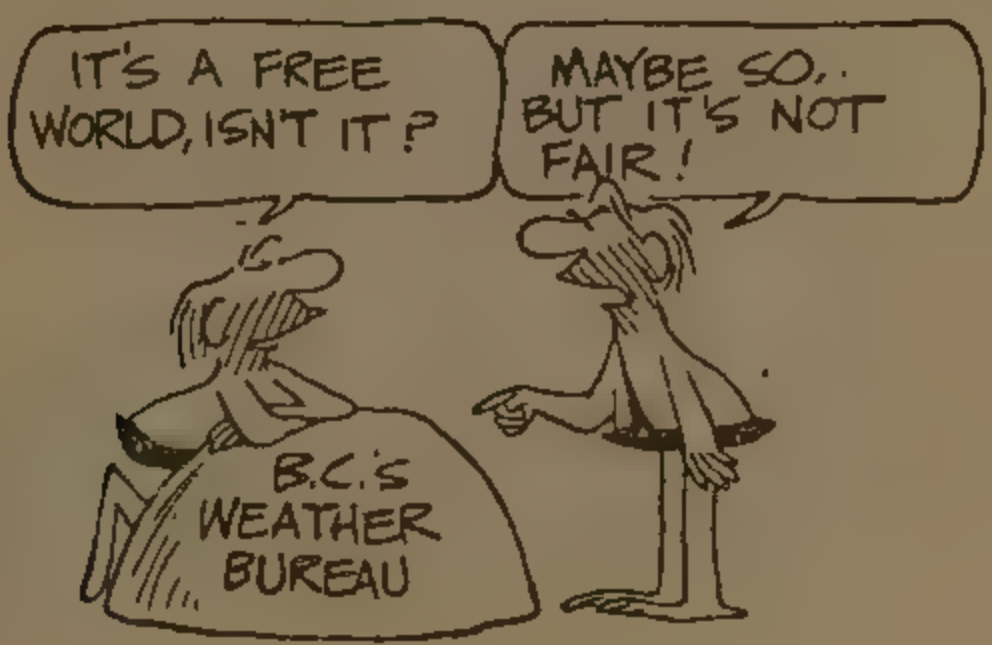
BY THE WAY, DID YOU HAPPEN TO PASS CHARLIE BRONSON ON YOUR WAY UP?

ARE YOU TRYING TO COMPETE WITH ME?
B.C.'S WEATHER BUREAU


IT'S A FREE WORLD, ISN'T IT?
MAYBE SO.. BUT IT'S NOT FAIR!
B.C.'S WEATHER BUREAU

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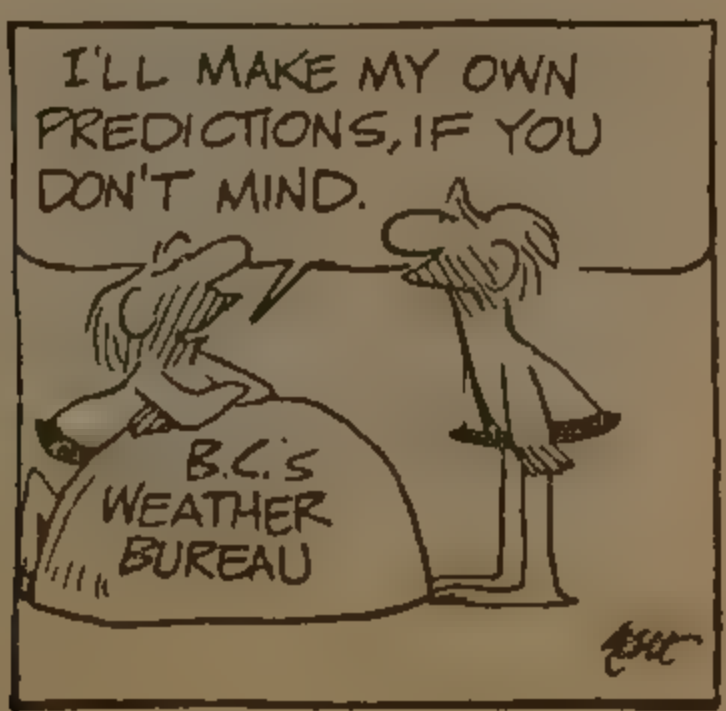
I'LL MAKE MY OWN PREDICTIONS, IF YOU DON'T MIND.
B.C.'S WEATHER BUREAU

I'M LONELY.
ME TOO.

IT SEEMS WE'VE FRIGHTENED OFF THE MEN WITH OUR DOMINATING TACTICS.

WE ASK FOR LIBERTY,..
WE GET DEARTH.
AMEN

I SEE A BASEBALL TEAM RUNNING OFF THE FIELD CARRYING YOU ON THEIR SHOULDERS.
PALMIST
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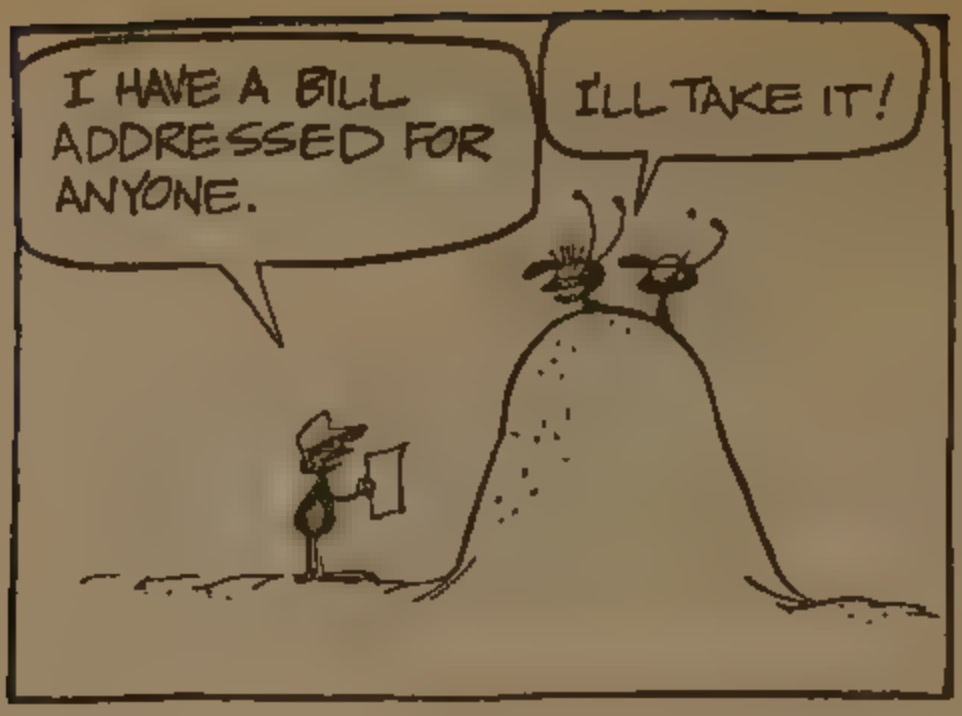
YOU MEAN WE WON A GAME?

NO,... YOU GOT RAINED OUT.
PALMIST
Hart


I HAVE A BILL ADDRESSED FOR ANYONE.
I'LL TAKE IT!

ONE DIAMOND RING...13 &
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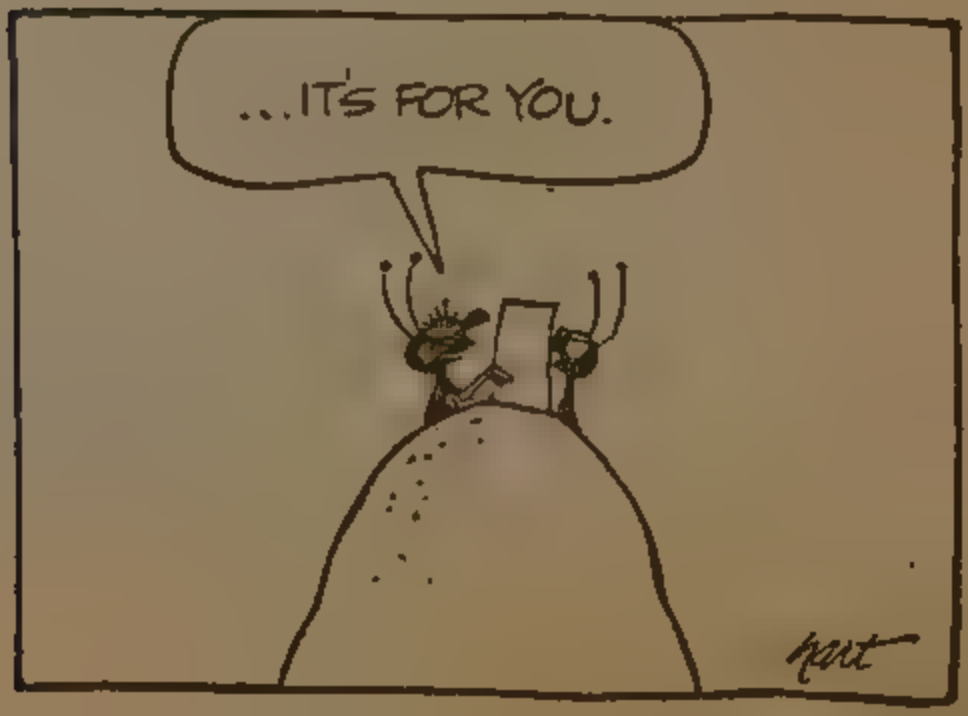
...IT'S FOR YOU.

WHAT'S THAT?
MY LINE-UP
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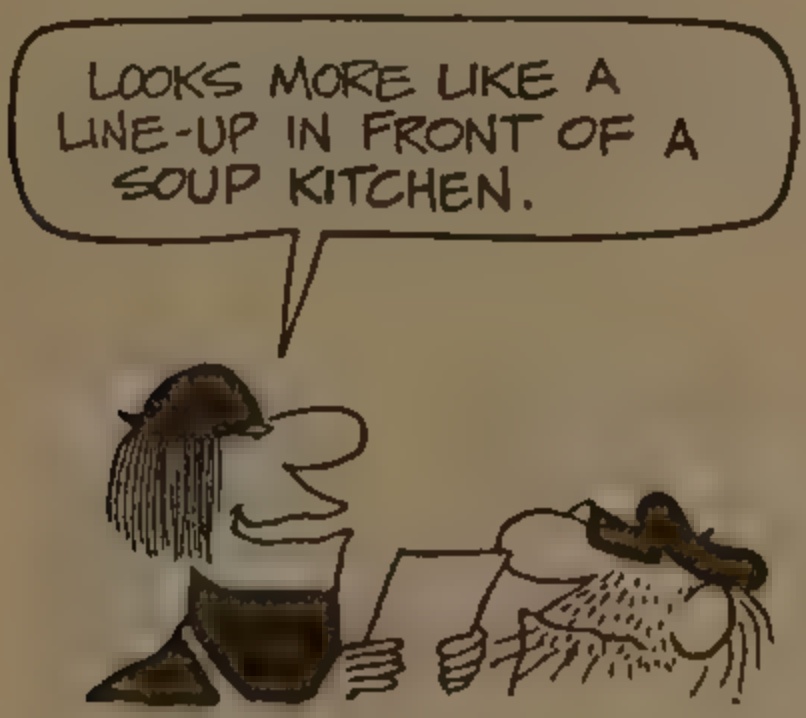
LOOKS MORE LIKE A LINE-UP IN FRONT OF A SOUP KITCHEN.

HAVE YOU GOT A HIGH, HARD, FASTBALL?
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THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND, COACH,...

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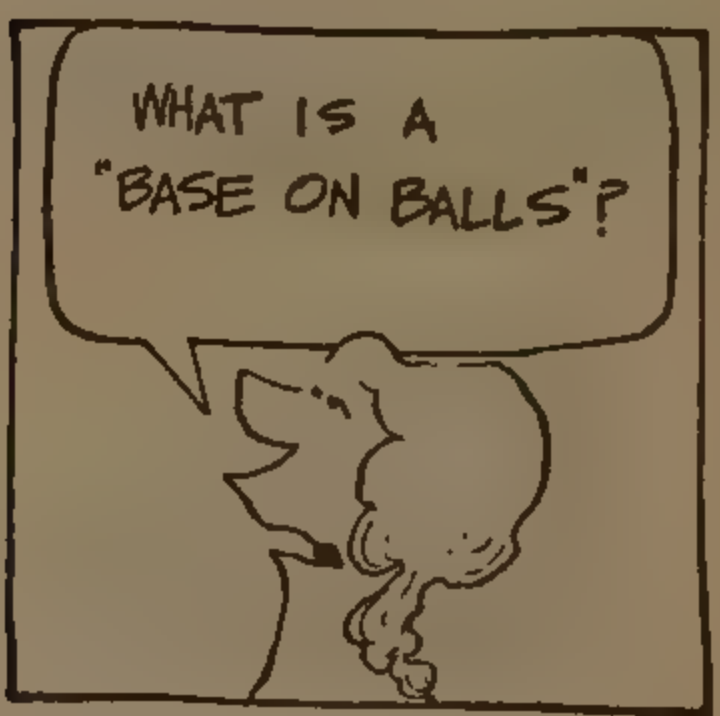
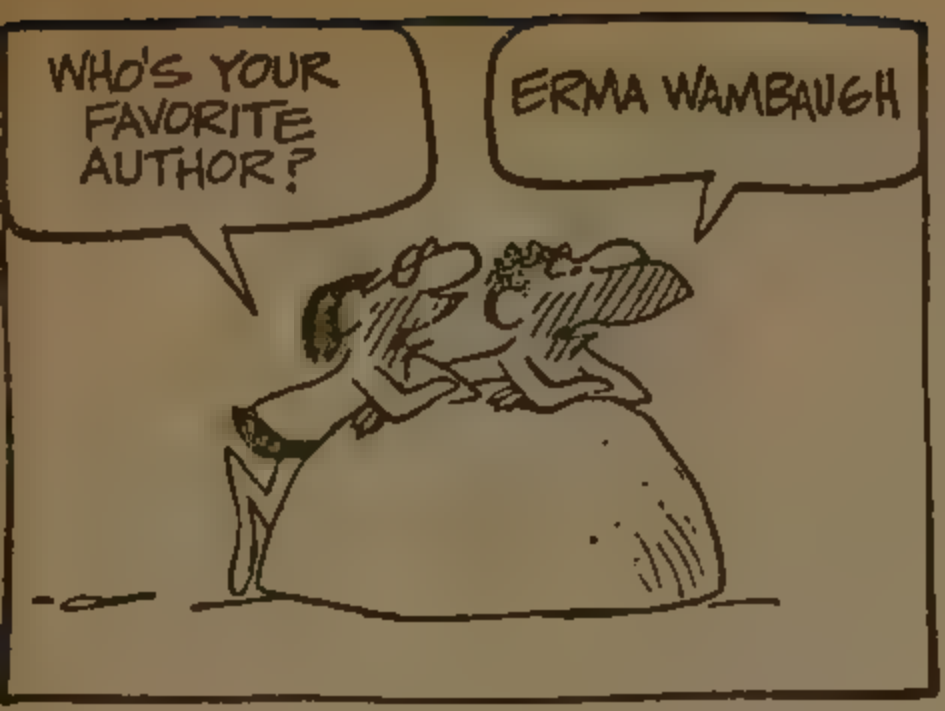
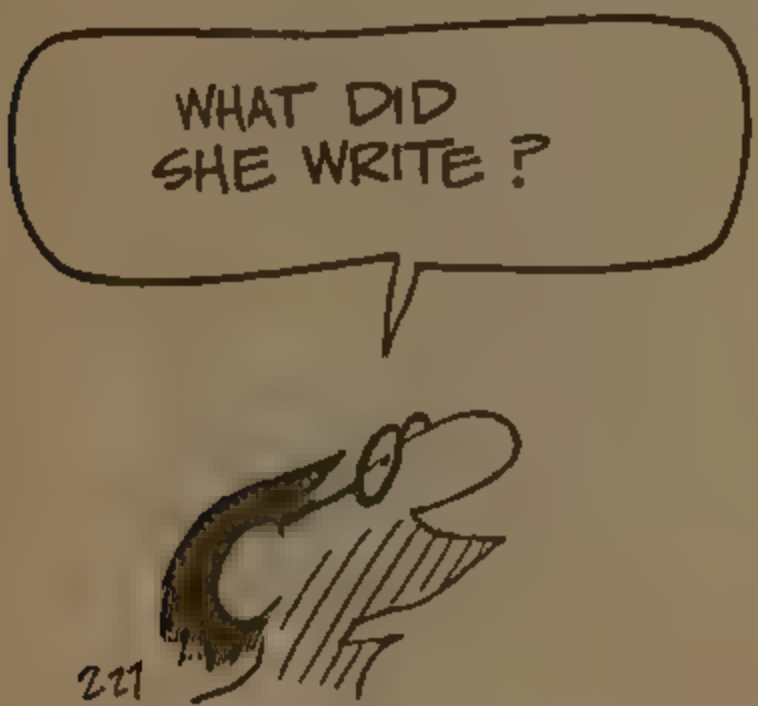

WHAT IS A "BASE ON BALLS"?

IT'S...UH.. SOMETHING LIKE A SKATEBOARD.


WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR?
ERMA WAMBAUGH


WHAT DID SHE WRITE?

"THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER UNDER THE VICE SQUAD."

WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR A GIRL WHO HAS EVERYTHING?
UNIQUE GIFTS
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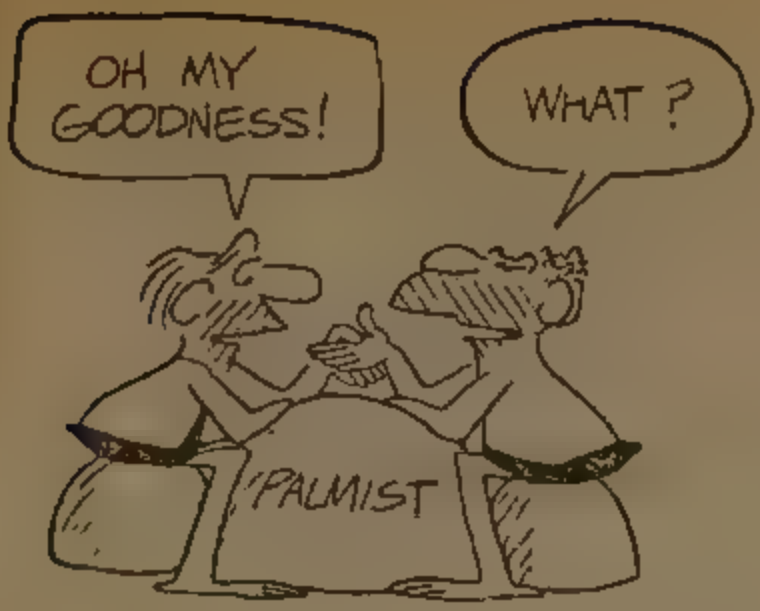
...AND I MEAN EVERYTHING!

...DOES SHE HAVE A KITCHEN SINK?
UNIQUE GIFTS
Kent


OH MY GOODNESS!
WHAT ?
PALMIST

...YOU HAVE A HICKEY HERE!
PALMIST

WHAT'LL YOU GIVE ME FOR HER PHONE NUMBER ?
PALMIST

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
PALMIST
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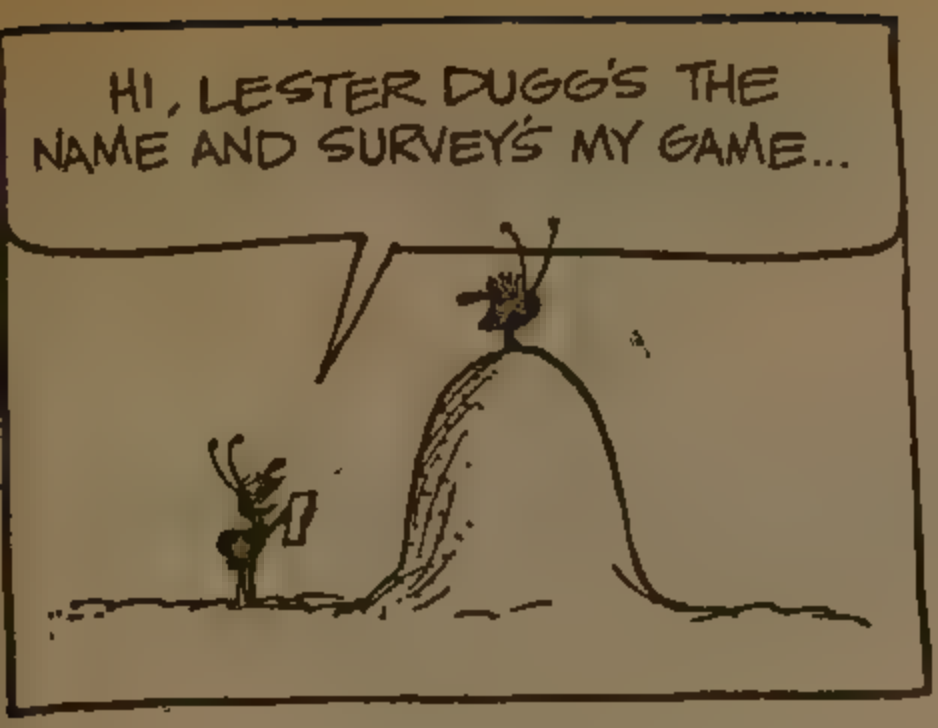
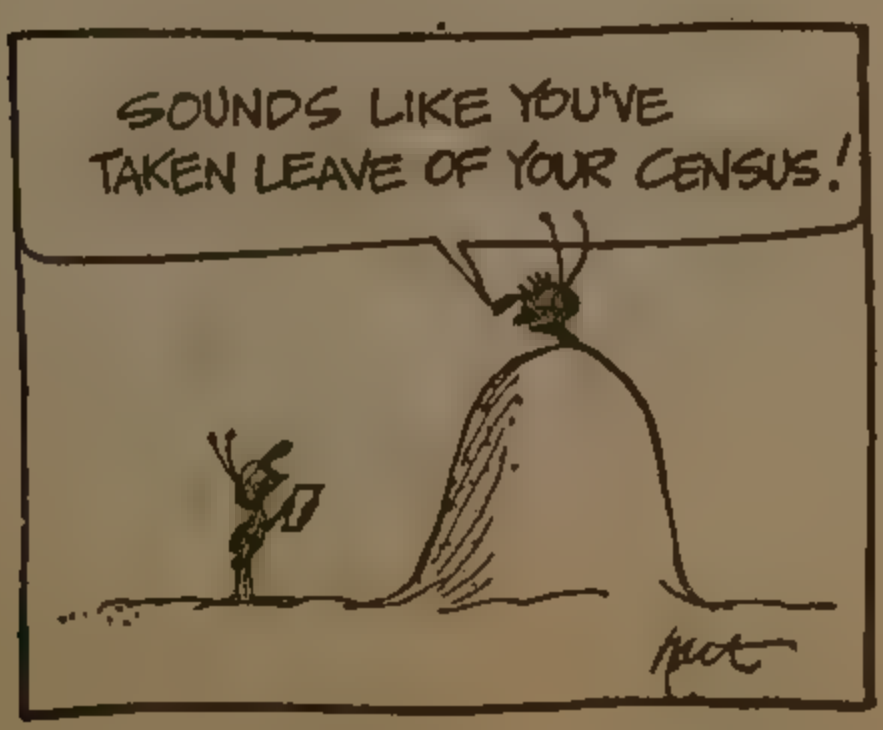
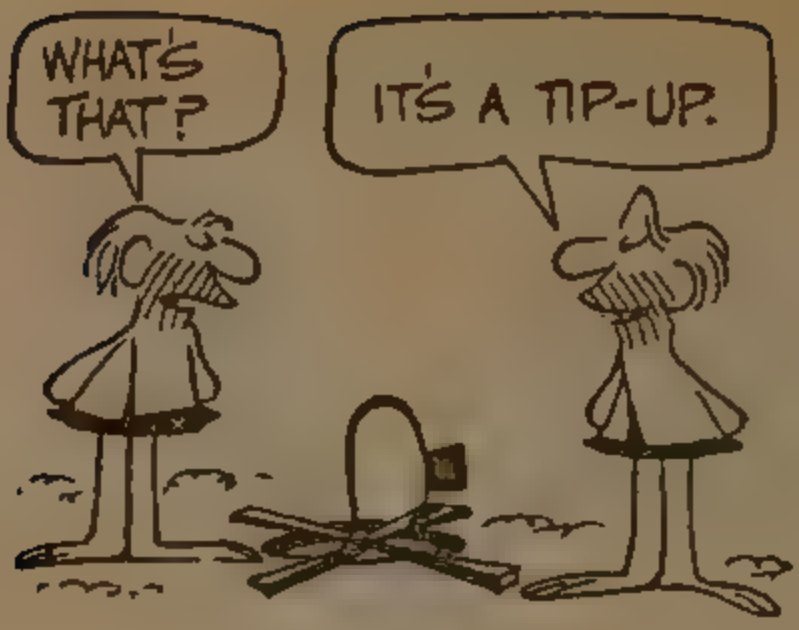
I WAS JUST CONSIDERING READING KNEES.
PALMIST


HI, LESTER DUGG'S THE NAME AND SURVEY'S MY GAME...

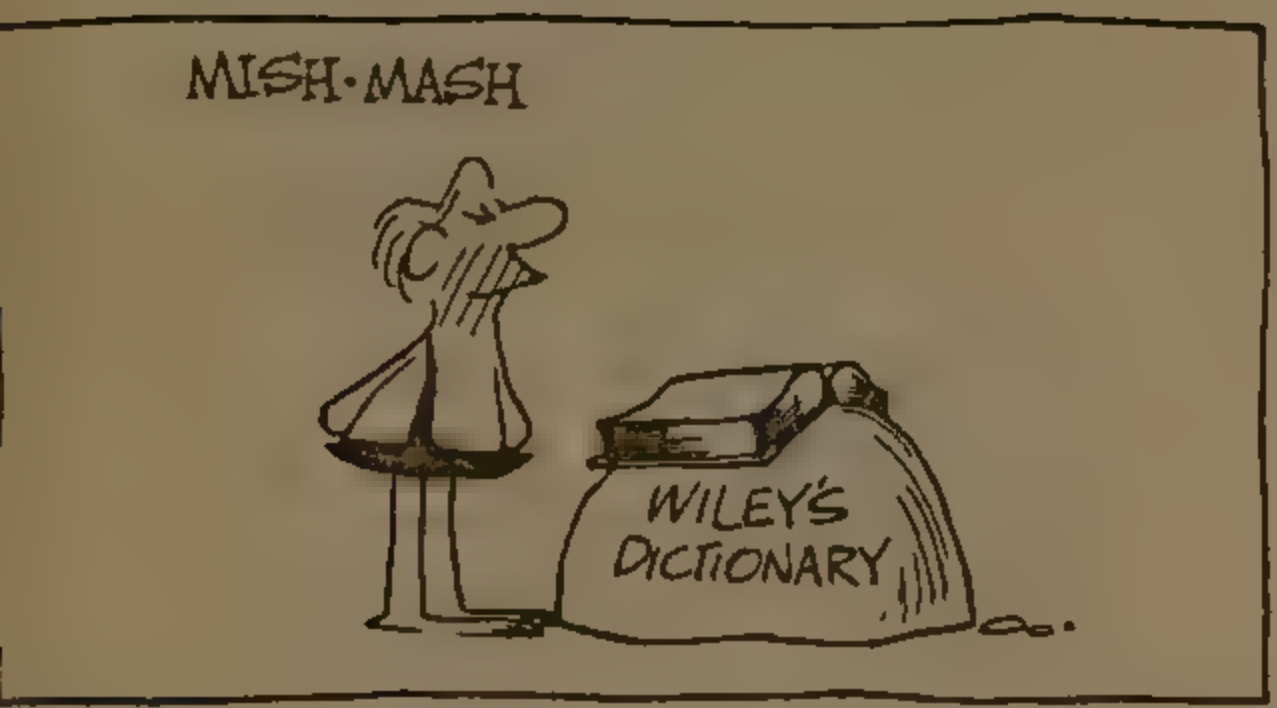
I'M OFF DUTY NOW... WOULD YOU LIKE TO FOOL AROUND?


SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE TAKEN LEAVE OF YOUR CENSUS!


WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A TIP-UP.

WHAT'S THE LITTLE FLAG FOR?
THAT'S THE SIGNAL.
SPRING

GUG GUG GUG GUG GUG



What a guy does when he gets drunk and doesn't wake up for church.

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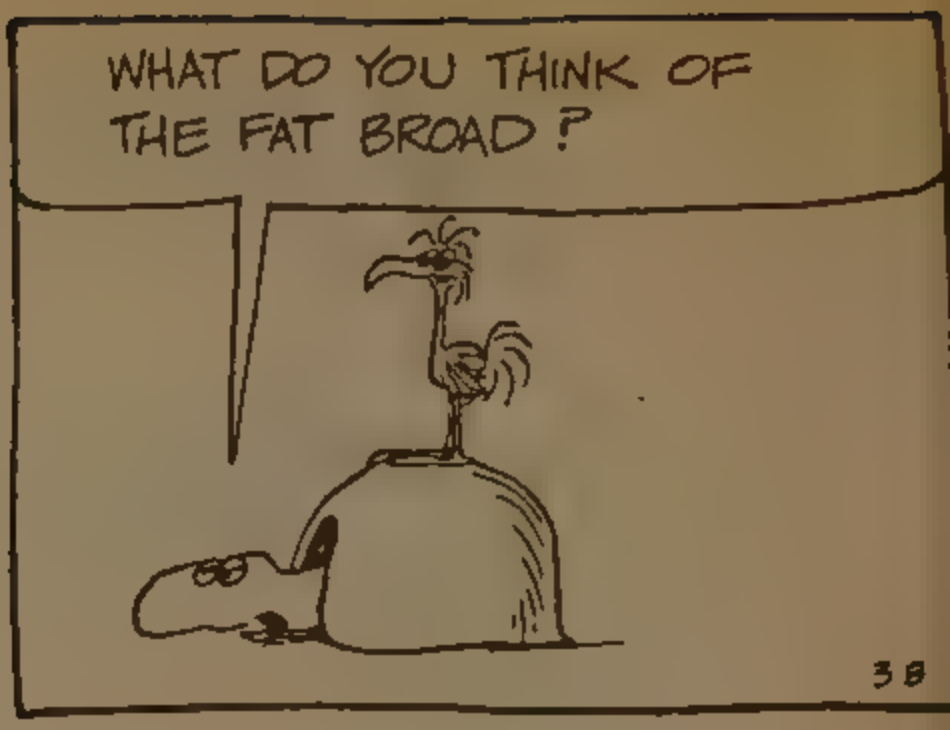
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE FAT BROAD?
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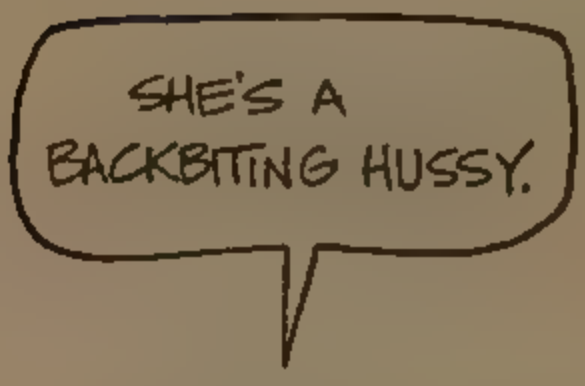
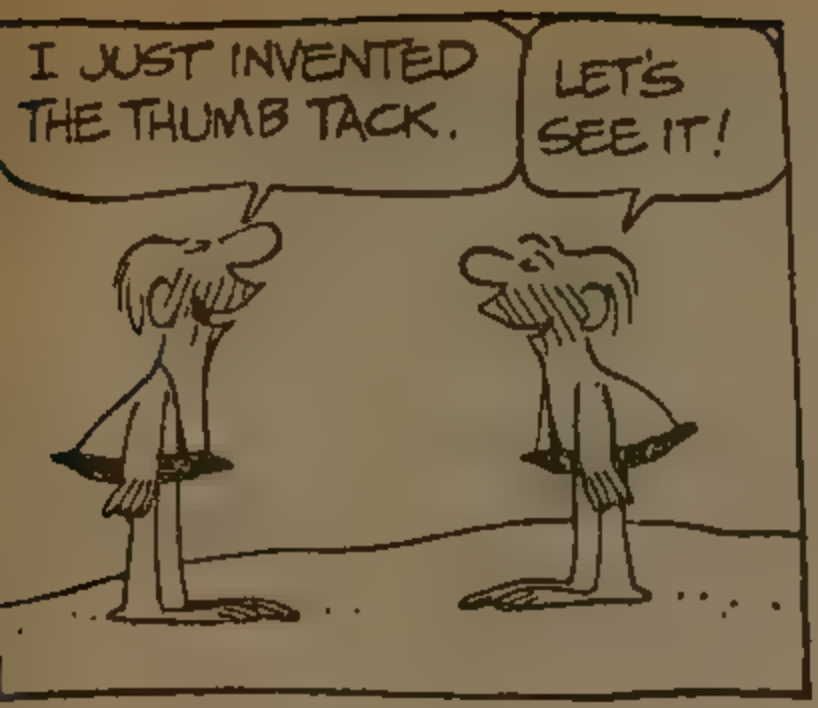

SHE'S A BACKBITING HUSSY.

WHICH REMINDS ME, WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU CLIPPED YOUR TALONS?


I JUST INVENTED THE THUMB TACK.
LET'S SEE IT!

TODAY THE THUMB TACK.., TOMORROW THE FINGER NAIL..
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HOW MUCH FOR A 30-SECOND AD?
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY

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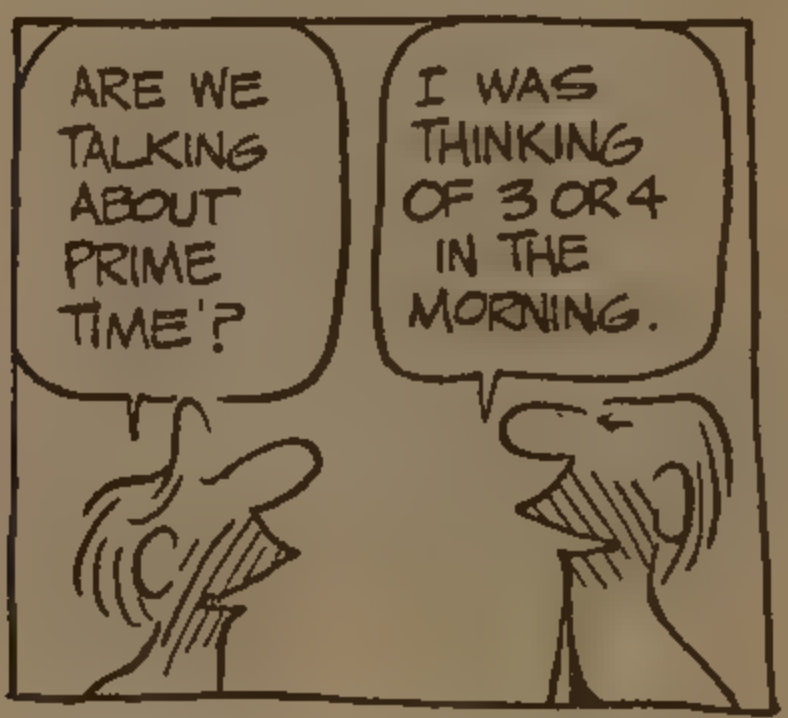
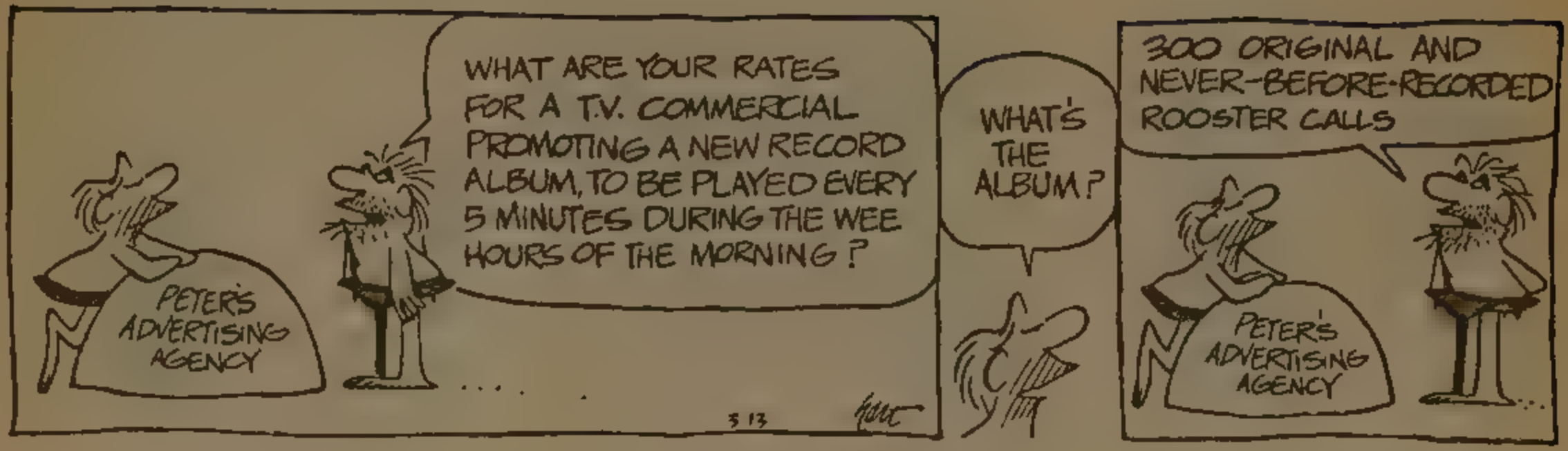

ARE WE TALKING ABOUT PRIME TIME'?
I WAS THINKING OF 3 OR 4 IN THE MORNING.

WHAT ARE WE SELLING?
SLEEPING PILLS.
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY


PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY
WHAT ARE YOUR RATES FOR A T.V. COMMERCIAL PROMOTING A NEW RECORD ALBUM, TO BE PLAYED EVERY 5 MINUTES DURING THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING?
. . . .
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WHAT'S THE ALBUM?
300 ORIGINAL AND NEVER-BEFORE-RECORDED ROOSTER CALLS
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY

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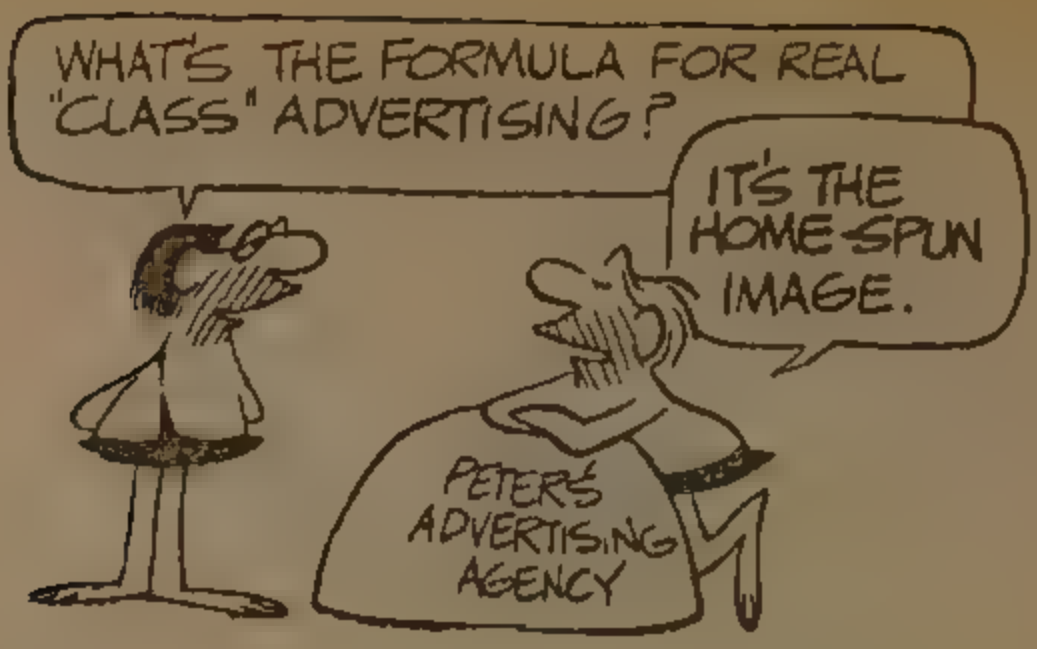
WHAT'S THE FORMULA FOR REAL "CLASS" ADVERTISING?
IT'S THE HOME-SPUN IMAGE.
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY

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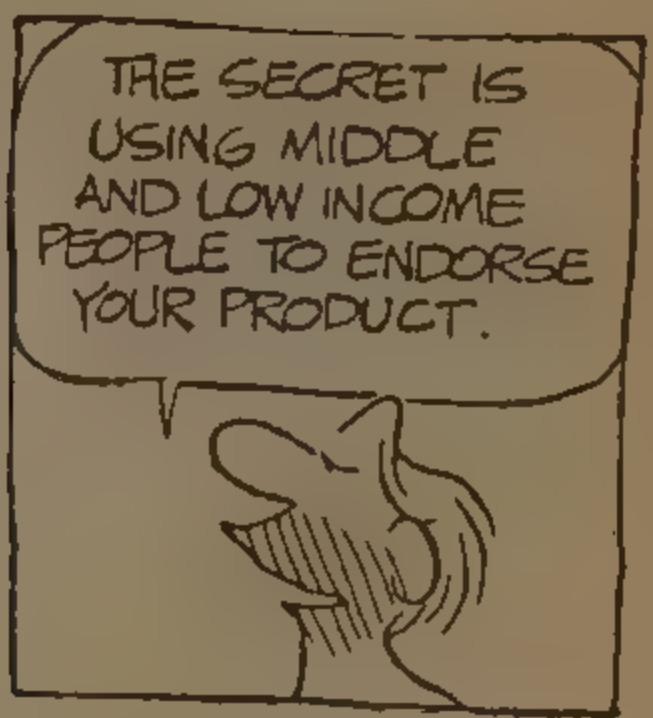
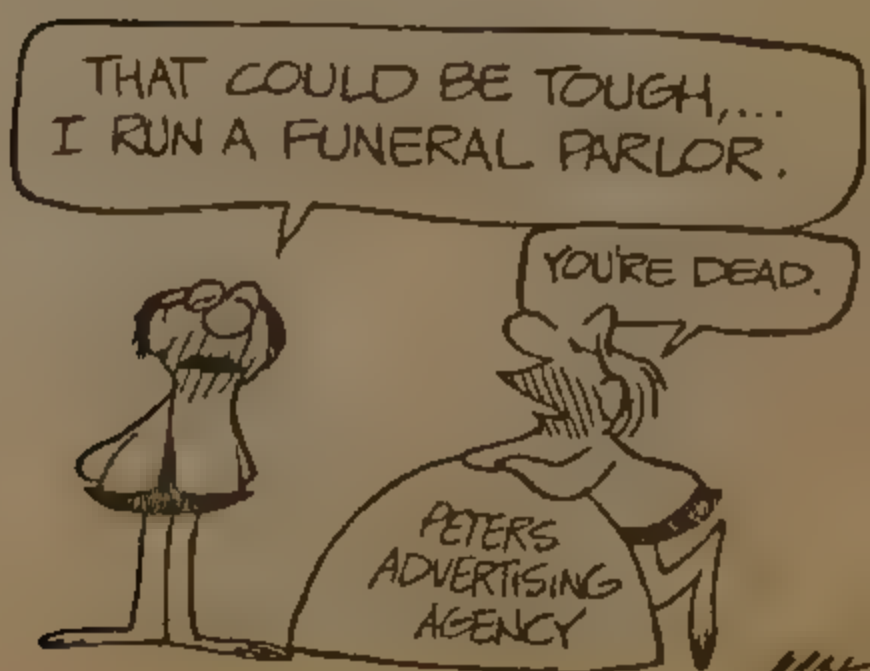

THE SECRET IS USING MIDDLE AND LOW INCOME PEOPLE TO ENDORSE YOUR PRODUCT.


THAT COULD BE TOUGH,... I RUN A FUNERAL PARLOR.
YOU'RE DEAD.
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY

REPETITION IS THE HOT THING IN THE AD BIZ NOW.
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY

THE ANNOUNCER REPEATS YOUR MESSAGE 3OR4 TIMES IN TEN SECONDS AND THEY NEVER FORGET IT.
WHAT IS IT YOU'RE SELLING?
NORA NITCHSKI'S NEW NYLON, NON-KNOBBY, NASTY KNICKERS.
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY
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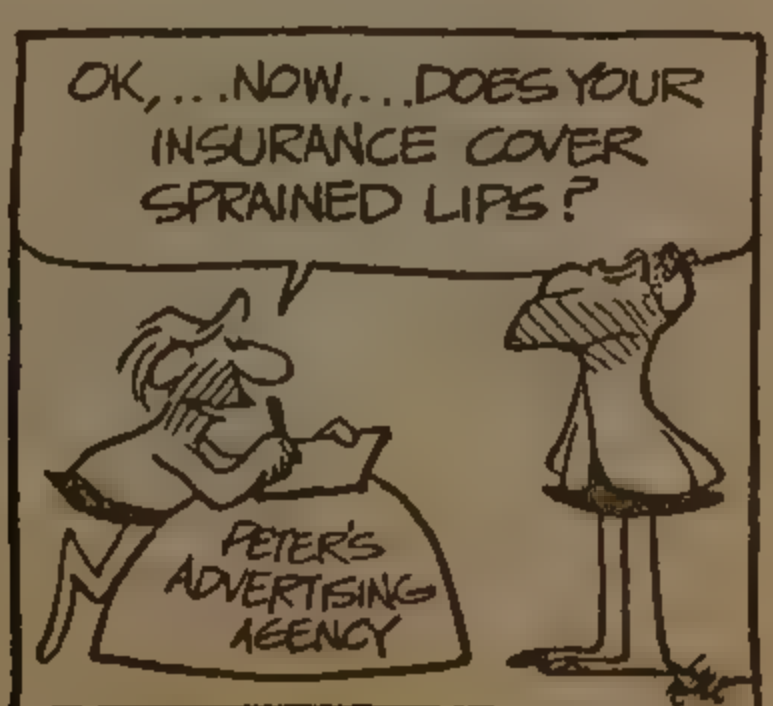
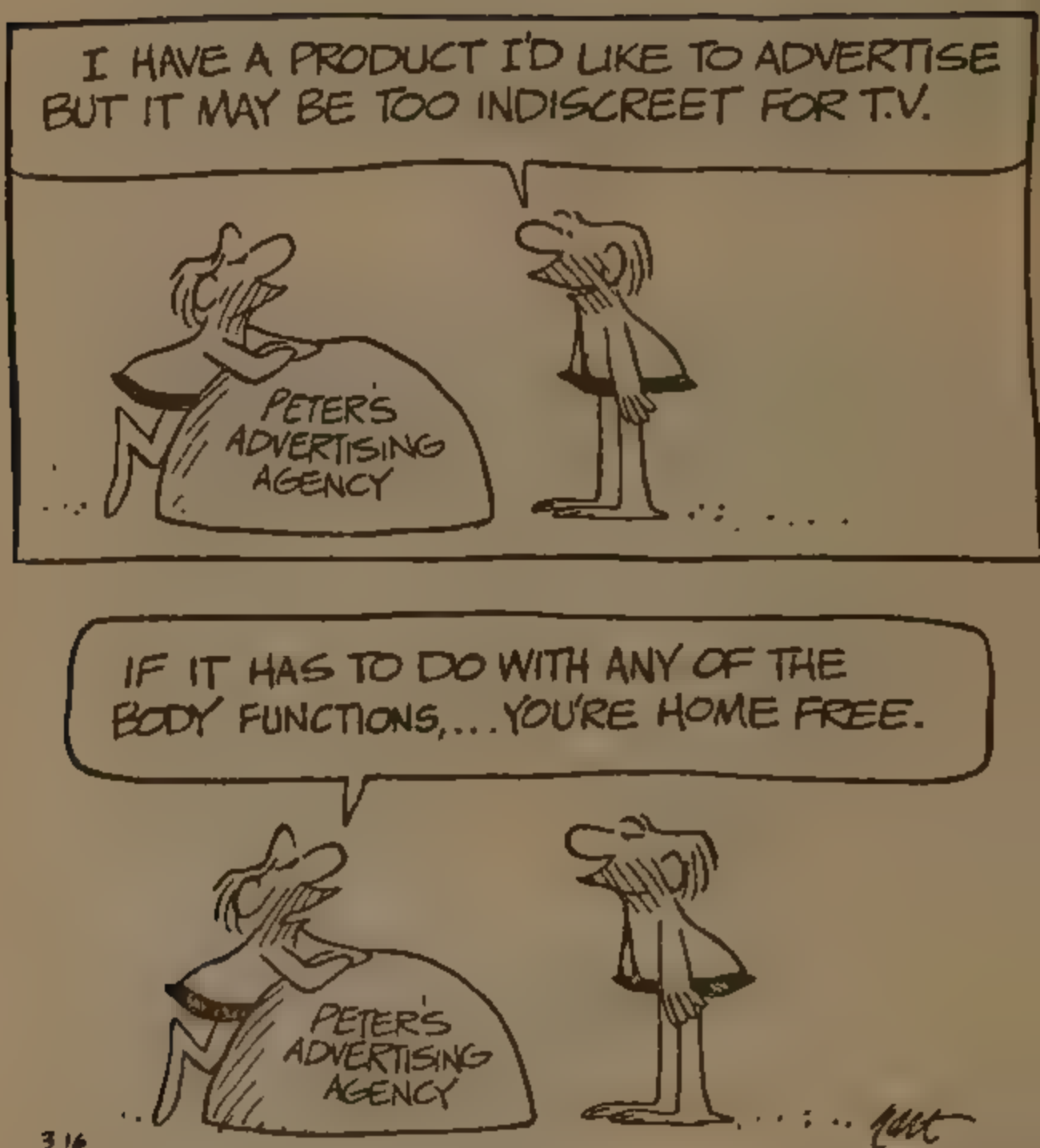

OK,...NOW,...DOES YOUR INSURANCE COVER SPRAINED LIPS?
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY


I HAVE A PRODUCT I'D LIKE TO ADVERTISE BUT IT MAY BE TOO INDISCREET FOR T.V.
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY
IF IT HAS TO DO WITH ANY OF THE BODY FUNCTIONS,...YOU'RE HOME FREE.
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY

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I'D LIKE TO BUY A 60 SEC. RADIO SPOT. ...JUST CLASSY MUSIC, WITH NO MENTION OF PRODUCT, JUST MY NAME.
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY

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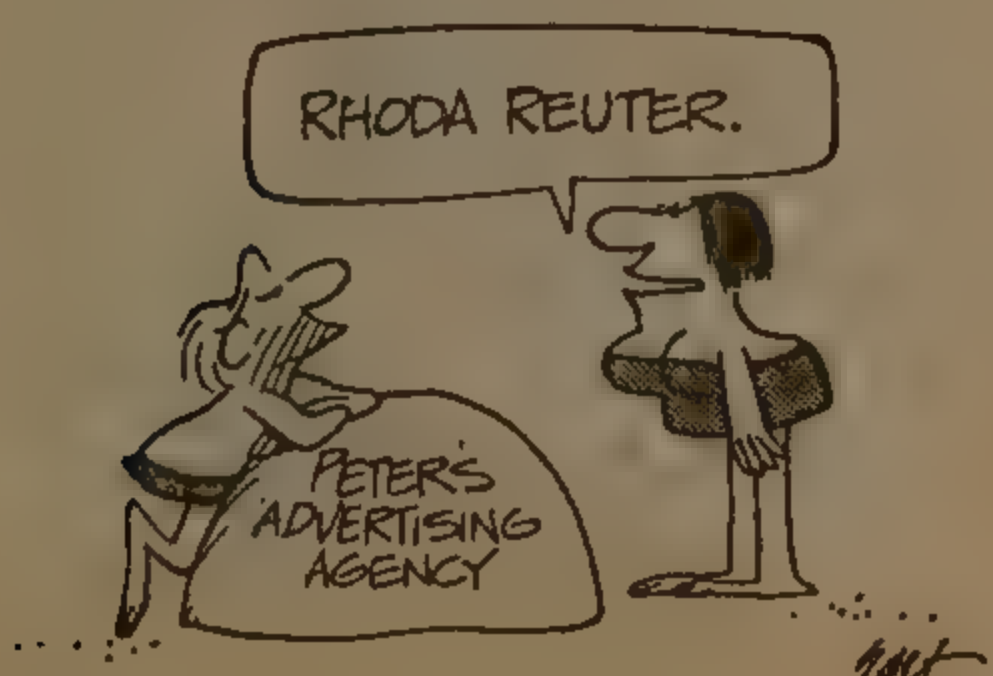
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

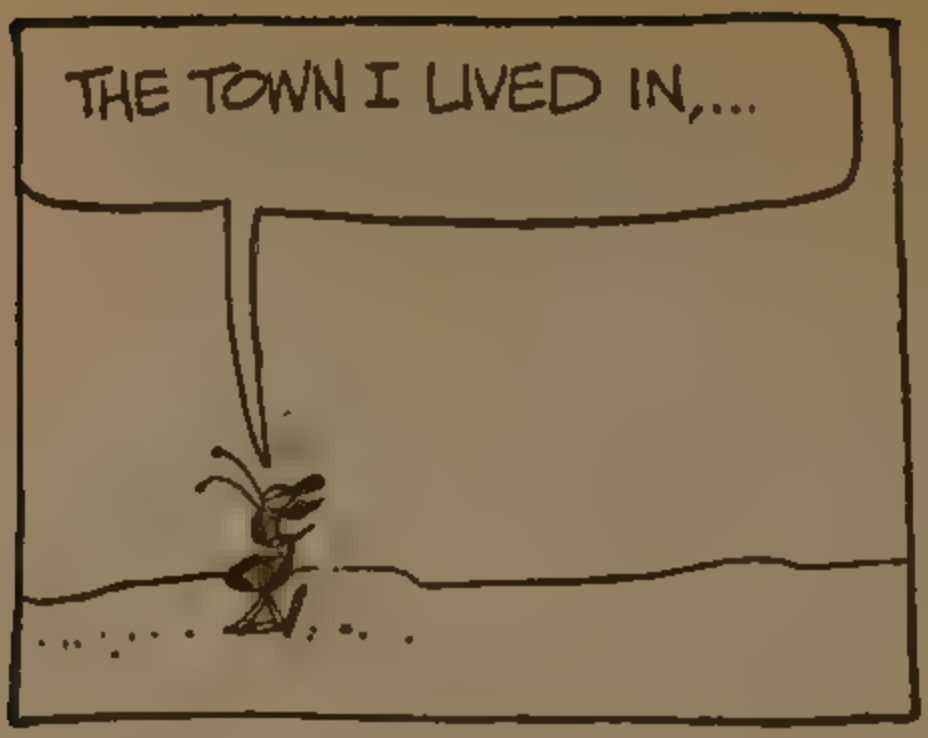

RHODA REUTER.
PETER'S ADVERTISING AGENCY

OUR TOWN WAS SO SMALL..
HOW SMALL WAS IT?
THE FUNERAL PARLOR WAS GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED.

OUR TOWN WAS SO DULL,..

HOW DULL WAS IT?
9 24

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD AN UNLISTED NUMBER.
Z


THE TOWN I LIVED IN,...

WAS SO SMALL,...

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THE COURTHOUSE ONLY HELD ONE PIGEON.
YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL.

HERE'S MY EXPOSÉ ON THE MASSAGE PARLORS IN THE CITY.
CITY DESK

..UH...HUH..

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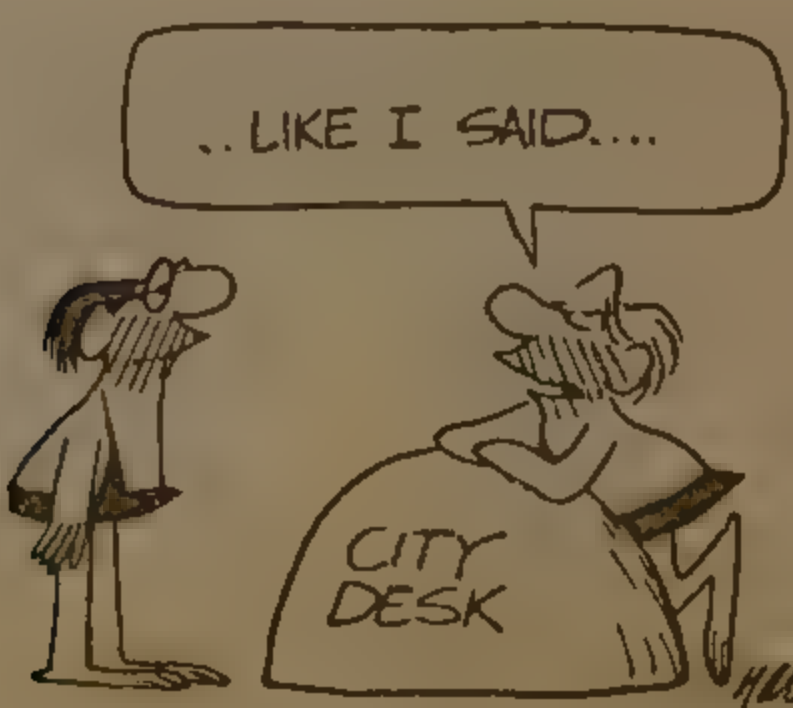
THE FACT THAT YOU INFILTRATED SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY PARLORS TAKES THE ZING OUT OF IT, KID.
CITY DESK

I WANT YOU TO COVER THE LEAP-FROG EVENT THIS AFTERNOON.
CITY DESK

BUT, CHIEF,... WHAT ABOUT THE BIG CONGRESSIONAL HEARING?


..LIKE I SAID....
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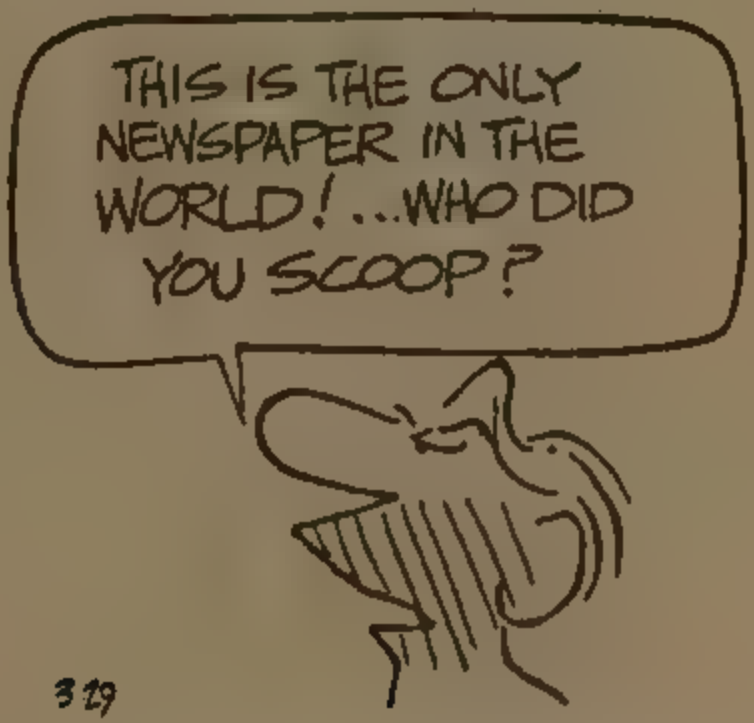
I JUST CAME UP WITH A BIG SCOOP, CHIEF!
CITY DESK


THIS IS THE ONLY NEWSPAPER IN THE WORLD!...WHO DID YOU SCOOP?

...WE DON'T HAVE HIS NAME YET...
CITY DESK

THIS STORY YOU WROTE ABOUT THE ARSONIST THAT'S BURNING DOWN CAVES...?
CITY DESK

WHAT ABOUT IT?
3-30

IT LACKS CREDENCE.
CIT DESK

HERE'S MY RESIGNATION.
CITY DESK
I'M QUITTING TO PURSUE MY DREAM, ..."THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL."
WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU, ACE...
CITY DESK
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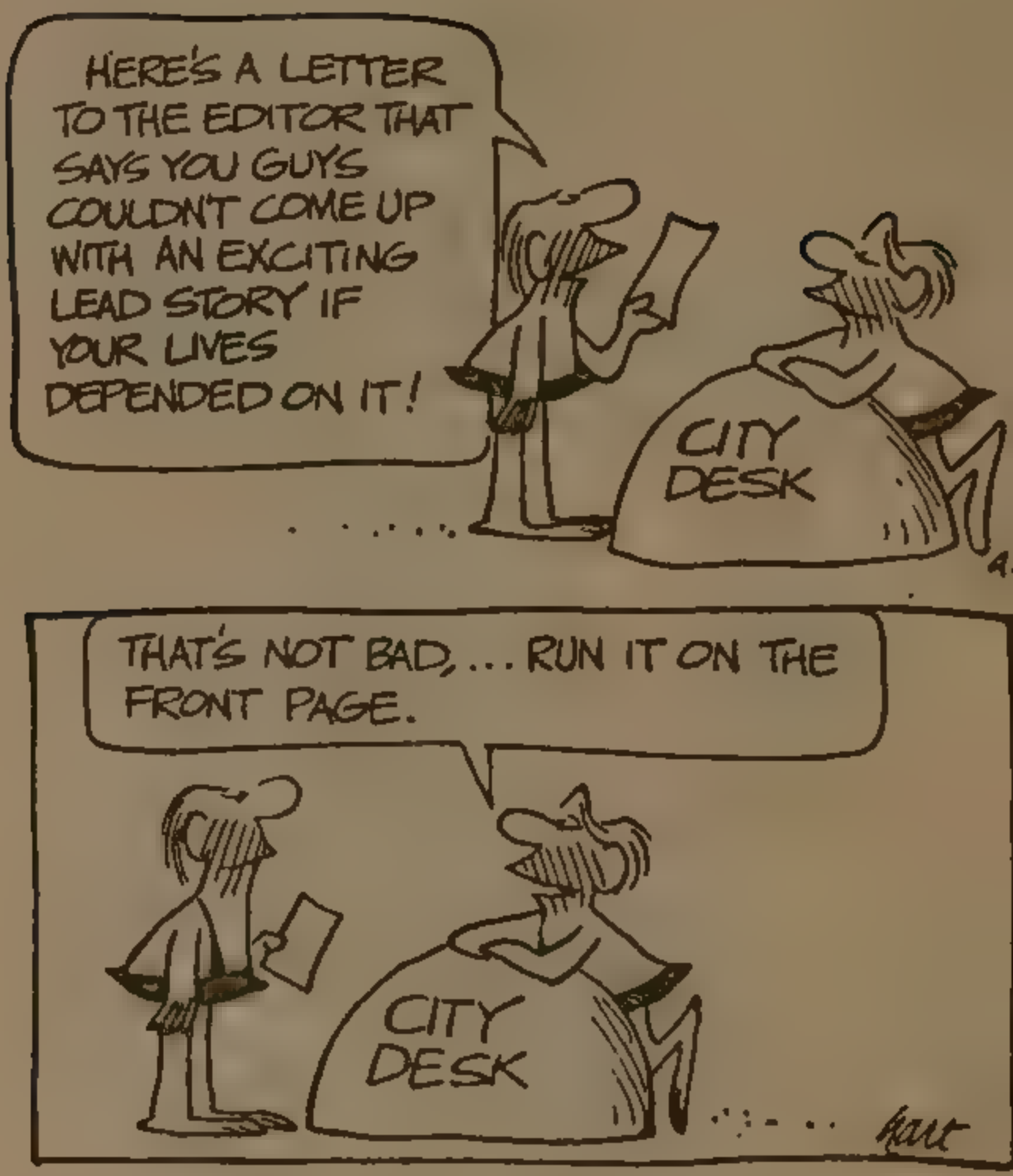
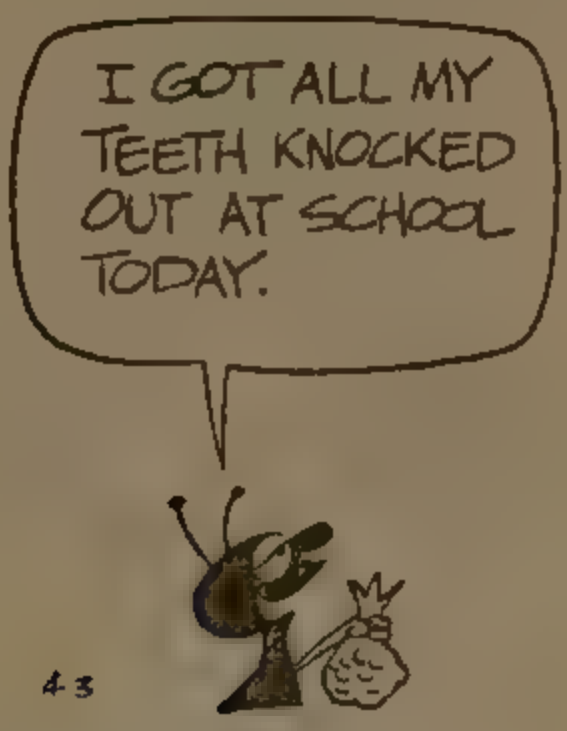
YOU WERE JUST BEGINNING TO SHOW PROMISE ON THE 'OBITS'!
CITY DESK
Hart

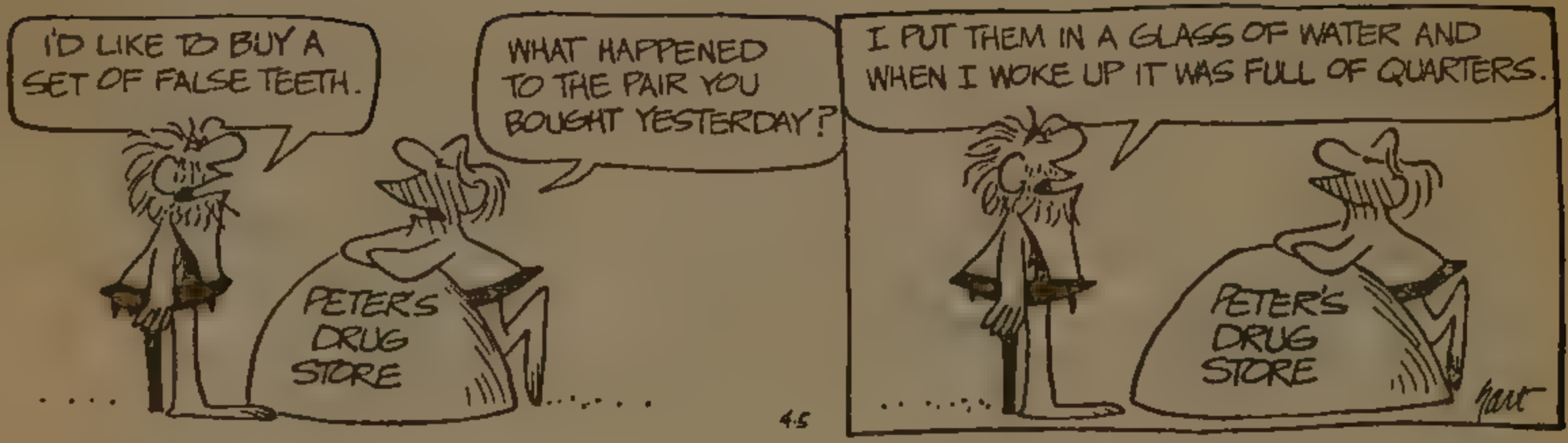

HERE'S A LETTER TO THE EDITOR THAT SAYS YOU GUYS COULDN'T COME UP WITH AN EXCITING LEAD STORY IF YOUR LIVES DEPENDED ON IT!
CITY DESK
THAT'S NOT BAD, ... RUN IT ON THE FRONT PAGE.
CITY DESK

WAIT TILL THE TOOTH FAIRY SEES THIS, DAD!
WHATTA YA GOT THERE, SON?


I GOT ALL MY TEETH KNOCKED OUT AT SCHOOL TODAY.

HOW MUCH IS THE INTEREST ON THIRTY-TWO QUARTERS?
PETER'S LOAN CO.

WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM


I'D LIKE TO BUY A SET OF FALSE TEETH.
PETER'S DRUG STORE
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PAIR YOU BOUGHT YESTERDAY?
I PUT THEM IN A GLASS OF WATER AND WHEN I WOKE UP IT WAS FULL OF QUARTERS.
PETER'S DRUG STORE

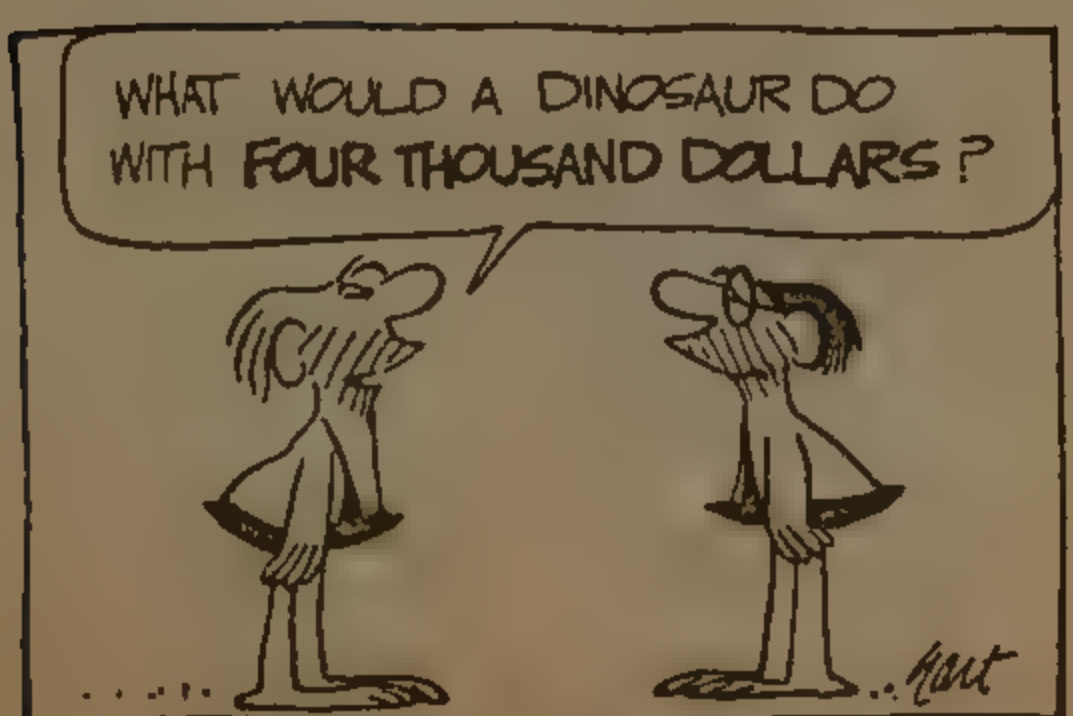
DID YOU HEAR THE STORY ABOUT HOWARD HUGHES AND THE TOOTH FAIRY?
NO

HE PUT A MOLAR UNDER HIS PILLOW ONE NIGHT...
YES?

..AND WOKE UP THE NEXT DAY IN A TOOL AND DIE FACTORY.

THE DINOSAUR JUST KNOCKED OUT ONE OF HIS TEETH.
GREAT! HAVE HIM PUT IT UNDER HIS PILLOW FOR THE TOOTH FAIRY.

DON'T BE SILLY...


WHAT WOULD A DINOSAUR DO WITH FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS?
Hart

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WAS SO POOR...
HOW POOR WAS IT ?

DID THE TOOTH FAIRY LEAVE I.O.U.s ?

I'D LIKE TO MAKE A LOAN.
WHAT COLLATERAL DO YOU HAVE?
LOANS

I HAVE 14 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STOCK.
WHY IN THE WORLD DO YOU NEED A LOAN?
LOANS

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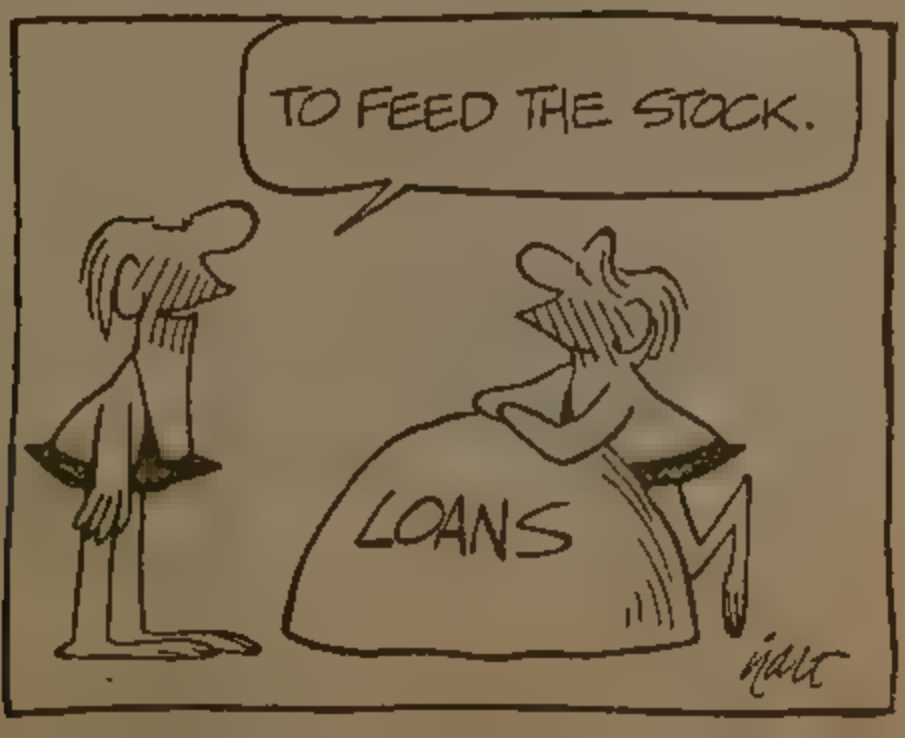
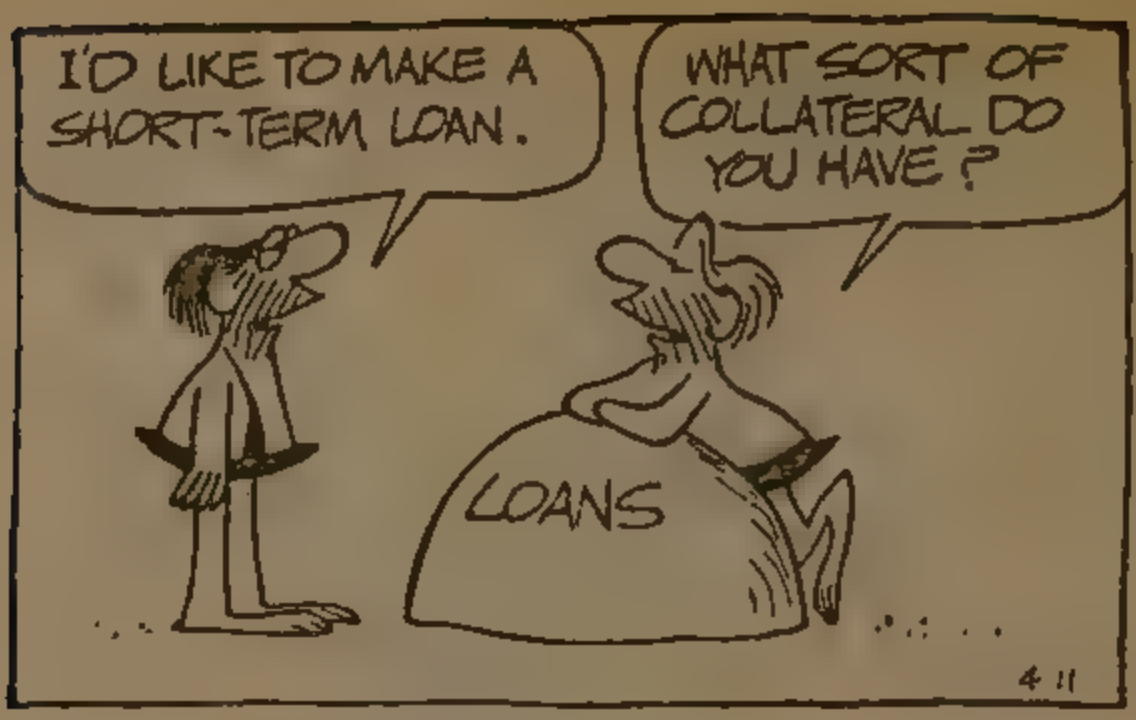

TO FEED THE STOCK.
LOANS


I'D LIKE TO MAKE A SHORT-TERM LOAN.
WHAT SORT OF COLLATERAL DO YOU HAVE?
LOANS
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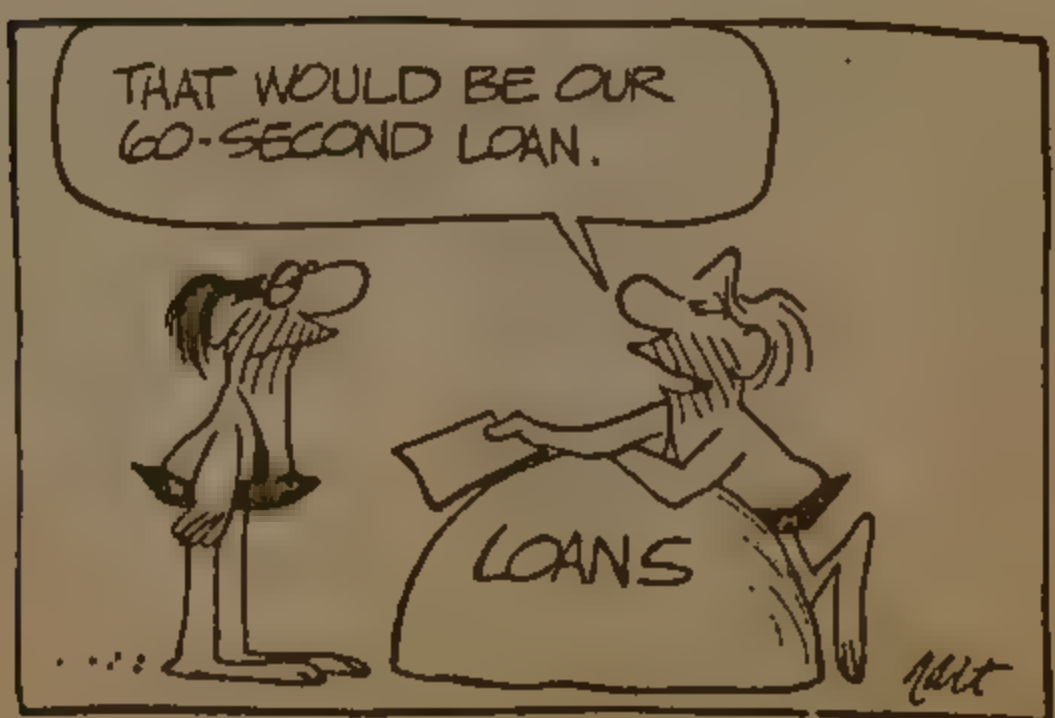
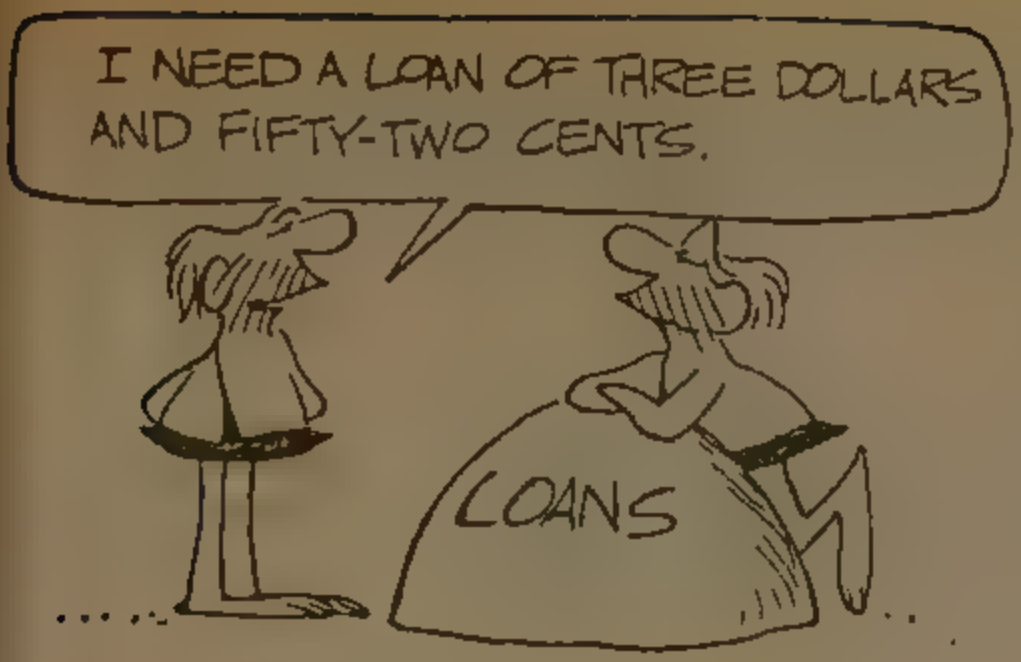
JUST MY GOOD NAME.


THAT WOULD BE OUR 60-SECOND LOAN.
LOANS


I NEED A LOAN OF THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-TWO CENTS.
LOANS

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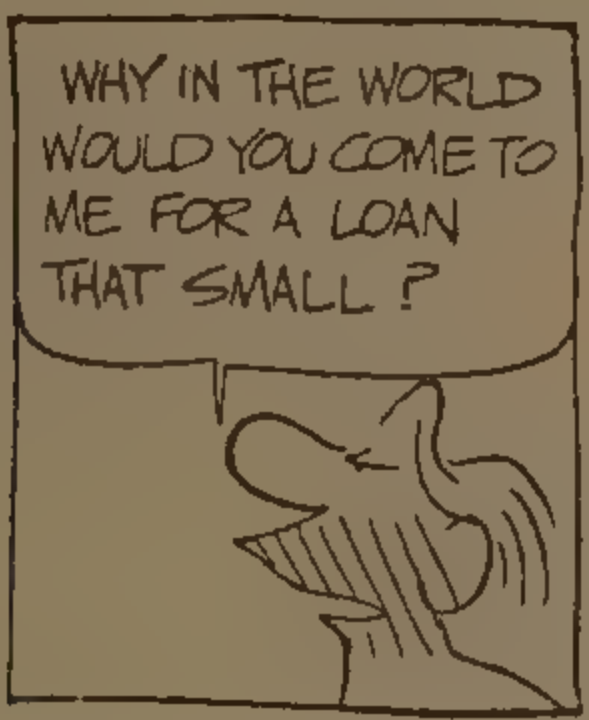
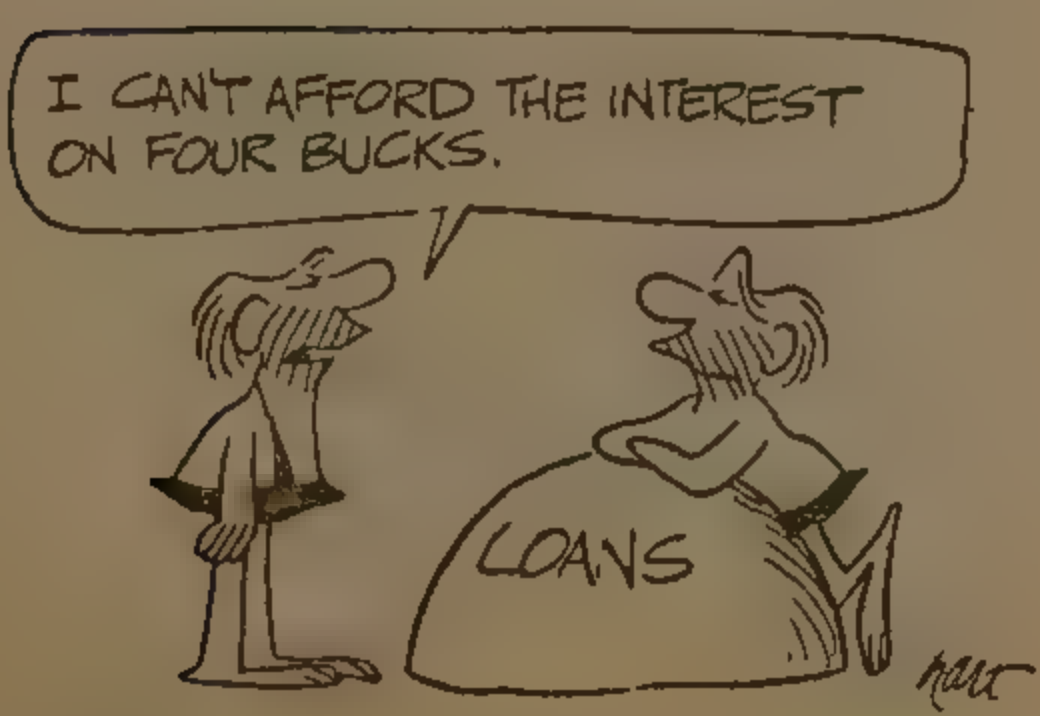
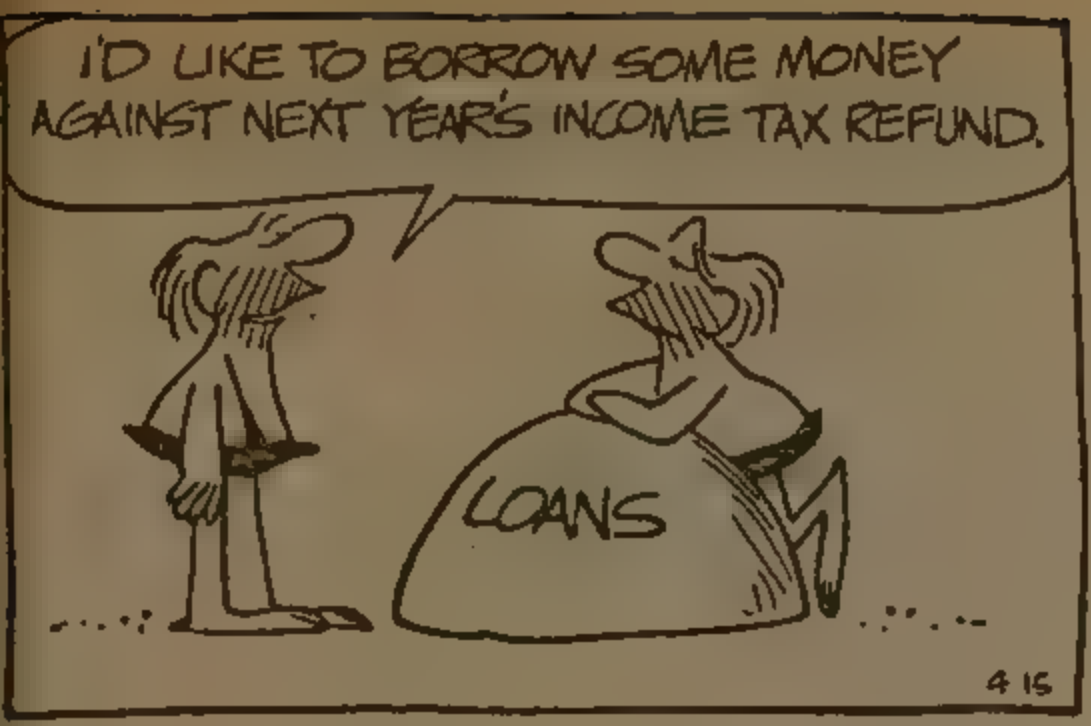

WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU COME TO ME FOR A LOAN THAT SMALL ?


I CAN'T AFFORD THE INTEREST ON FOUR BUCKS.
LOANS

I'D LIKE A LOAN TO BUY A NEW CLUB.
THAT'S THE DUMBEST REASON I'VE EVER HEARD FOR A LOAN.
LOANS
4 13

YOU'RE RIGHT,... THERE'S PROBABLY ONE GOOD KONK LEFT IN THE OLD KNOCKER.

..I,..UH,..THINK YOU MIGHT QUALIFY FOR OUR "ON THE SPOT" CASH ALLOWANCE.
LOANS
hart


I'D LIKE TO BORROW SOME MONEY AGAINST NEXT YEAR'S INCOME TAX REFUND.
LOANS
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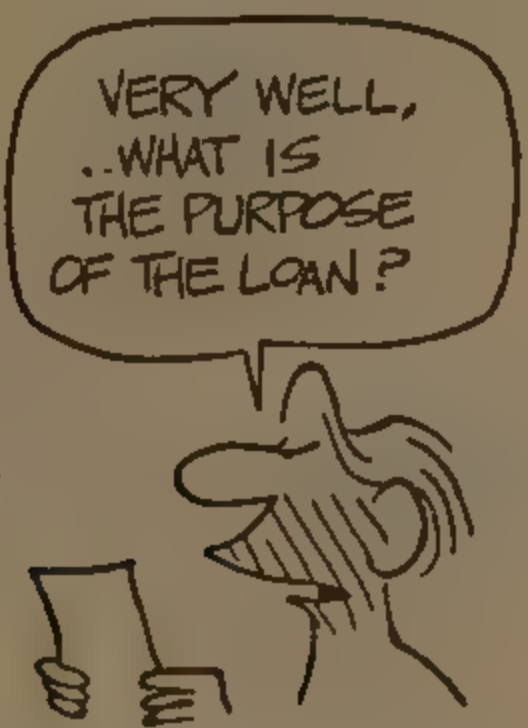
VERY WELL, ..WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE LOAN?

TO PAY THIS YEAR'S INCOME TAX.
LOANS

HEY COACH, HOW COME BASEBALL DOESN'T HAVE CHEERLEADERS?
'CAUSE THE STUFF THEY THROW OUT OF THE STANDS IS DISTRACTING ENOUGH.
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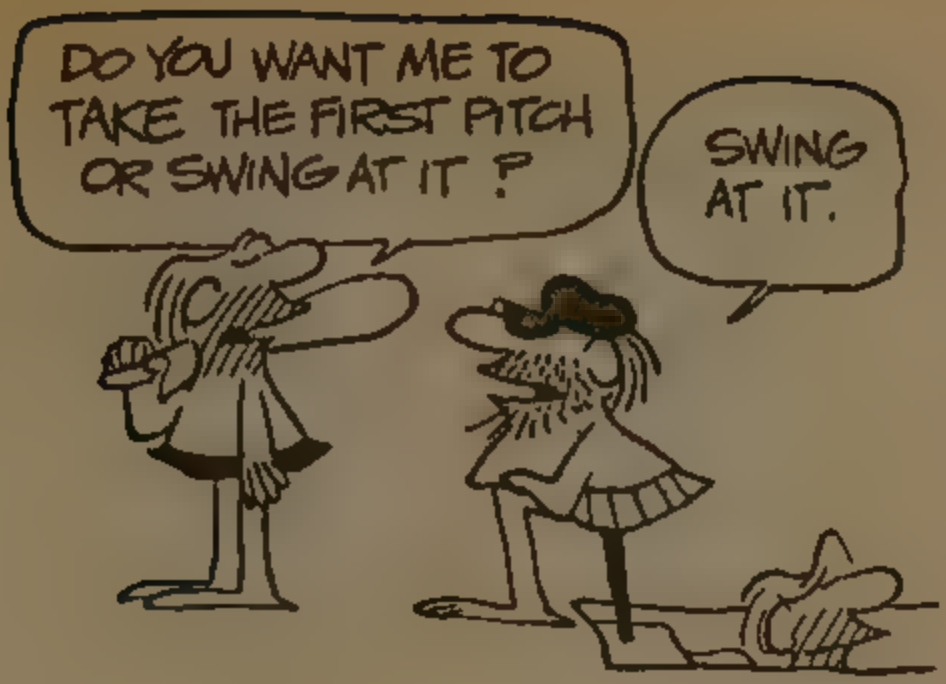
DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THE FIRST PITCH OR SWING AT IT ?
SWING AT IT.

SWISH
STRIKE ONE!
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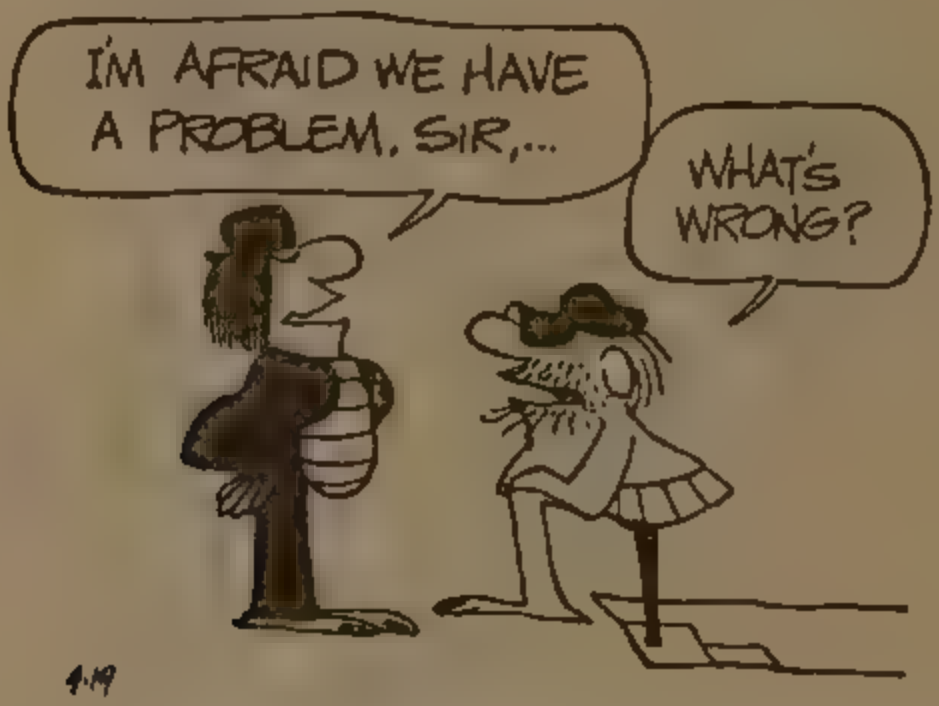
IT DON'T MAKE A 'TINKER'S DAMN' ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

OK, THOR, GO OUT THERE AND GO FOR THE SEATS!
RIGHT CHIEF


I'M AFRAID WE HAVE A PROBLEM, SIR,...
WHAT'S WRONG?

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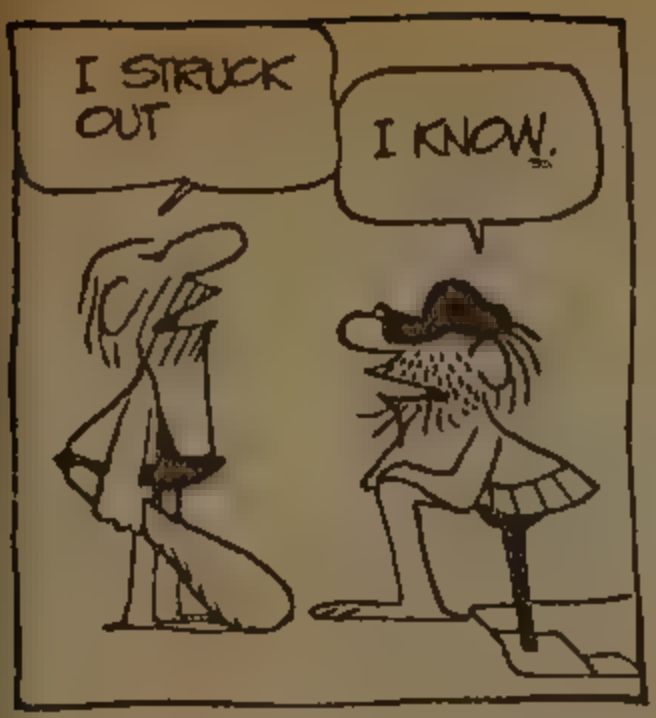
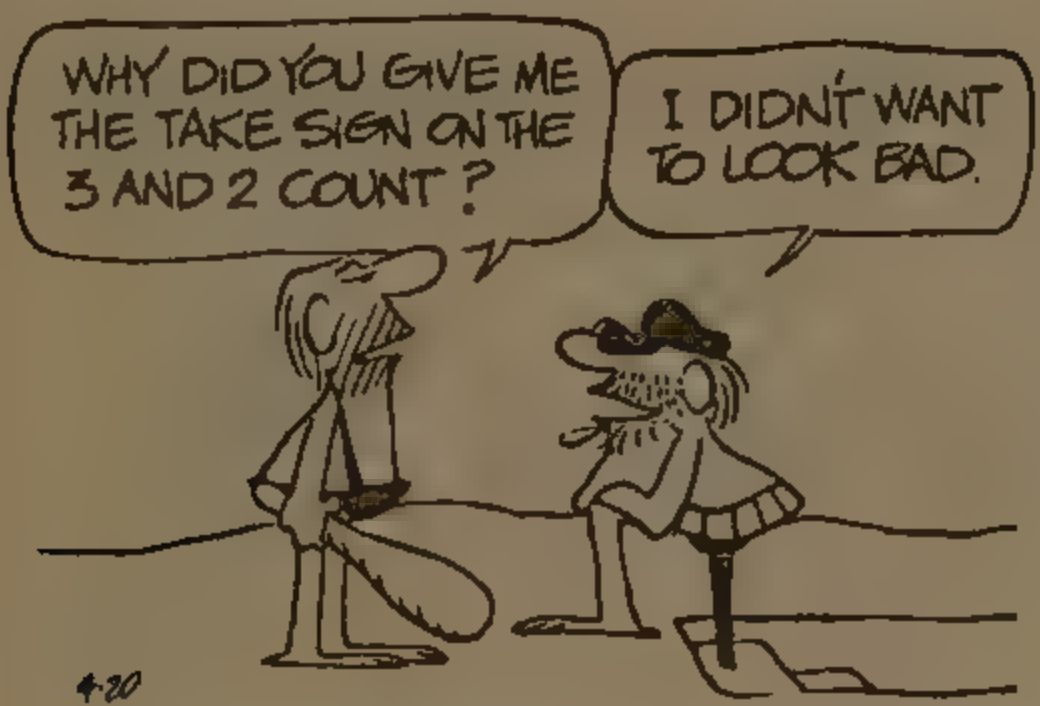
HE'S SITTING WITH CHARLIE FINLEY.


I STRUCK OUT
I KNOW.


WHY DID YOU GIVE ME THE TAKE SIGN ON THE 3 AND 2 COUNT?
I DIDN'T WANT TO LOOK BAD.
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BUT I TOOK A STRIKE IN FRONT OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE!
THANK GOODNESS THEY CAN'T READ SIGNS.

THERE'S A DRIVE DEEP TO RIGHT FIELD... AND IT'S GOING.....GOING....
ANNOUNCER

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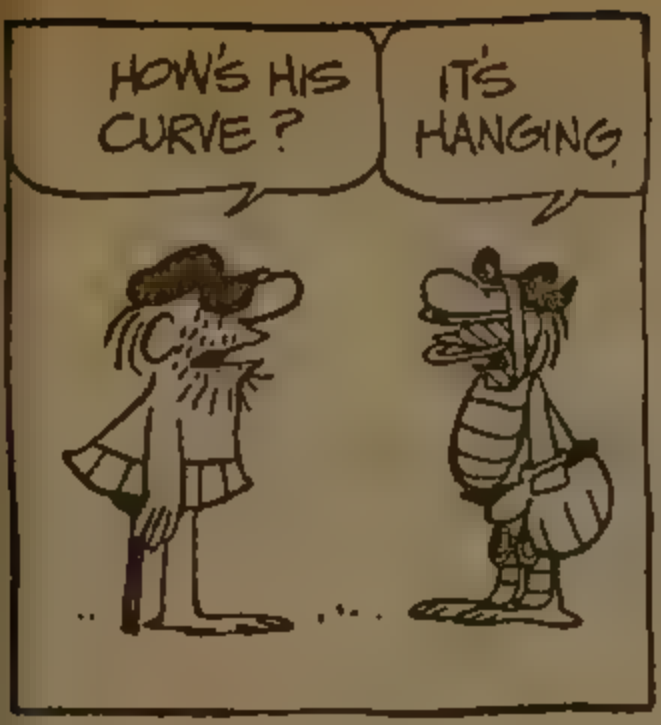
...THE CLOWN JUST GROUNDED OUT TO SECOND,... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ANNOUNCER

MEL ALLEN
ANNOUNCER


HOW'S HIS CURVE?
IT'S HANGING.

HOW'S HIS FAST BALL?
IN THE DIRT.
HOW'S HIS SPITTER?
SEMI-MOIST.

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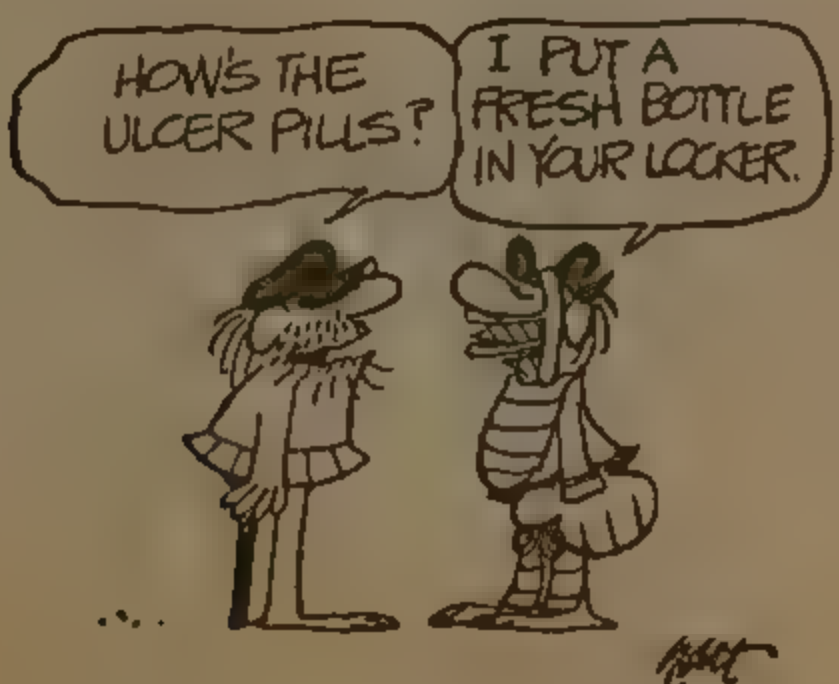
HOW'S THE ULCER PILLS?
I PUT A FRESH BOTTLE IN YOUR LOCKER.

WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU CROSS A BEAGLE WITH A MORTICIAN ?
CROSS BREEDS
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A GUY THAT HOUNDS YOU TO DEATH.
CROSS BREEDS
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CAN I HELP YOU?
SUPER MART

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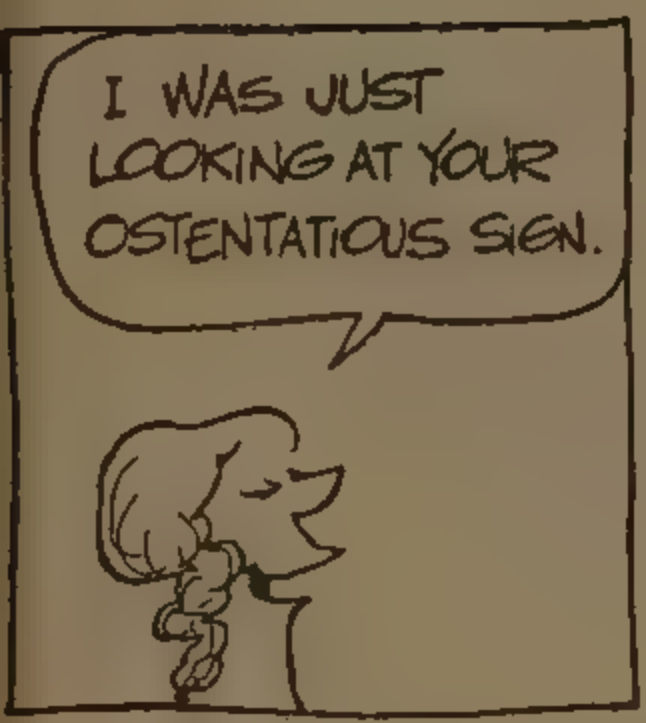
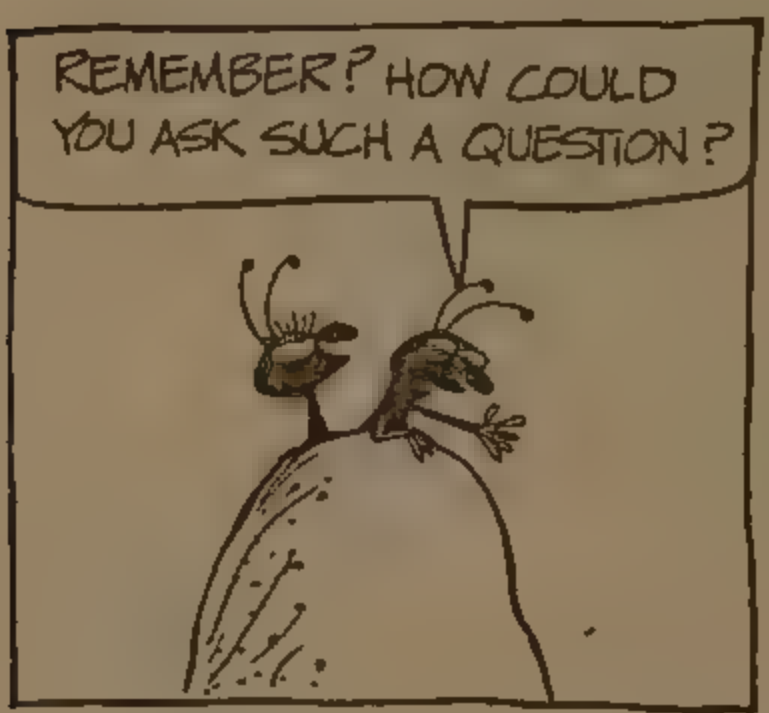

I WAS JUST LOOKING AT YOUR OSTENTATIOUS SIGN.

...CALL ME MARTY.
SUPER MART

JAKE, DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE WE WERE THE NIGHT YOU PROPOSED?


REMEMBER? HOW COULD YOU ASK SUCH A QUESTION?

DOES ONE FORGET WHERE HE WAS WHEN HE HEARD THE NEWS OF PEARL HARBOR, THE HINDENBURG, THE TITANIC, . . .
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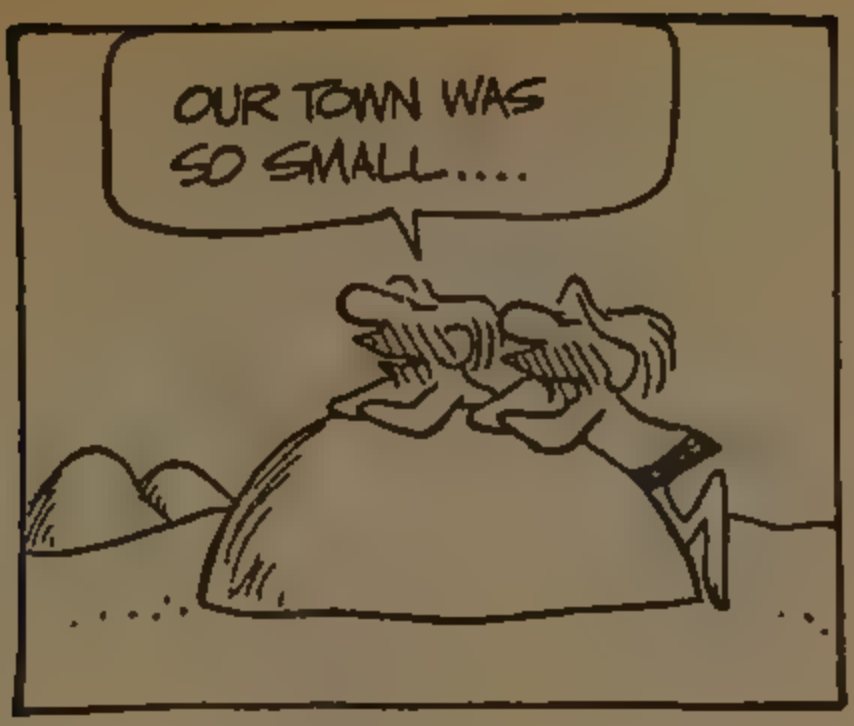
OUR TOWN WAS SO SMALL....

HOW SMALL WAS IT?

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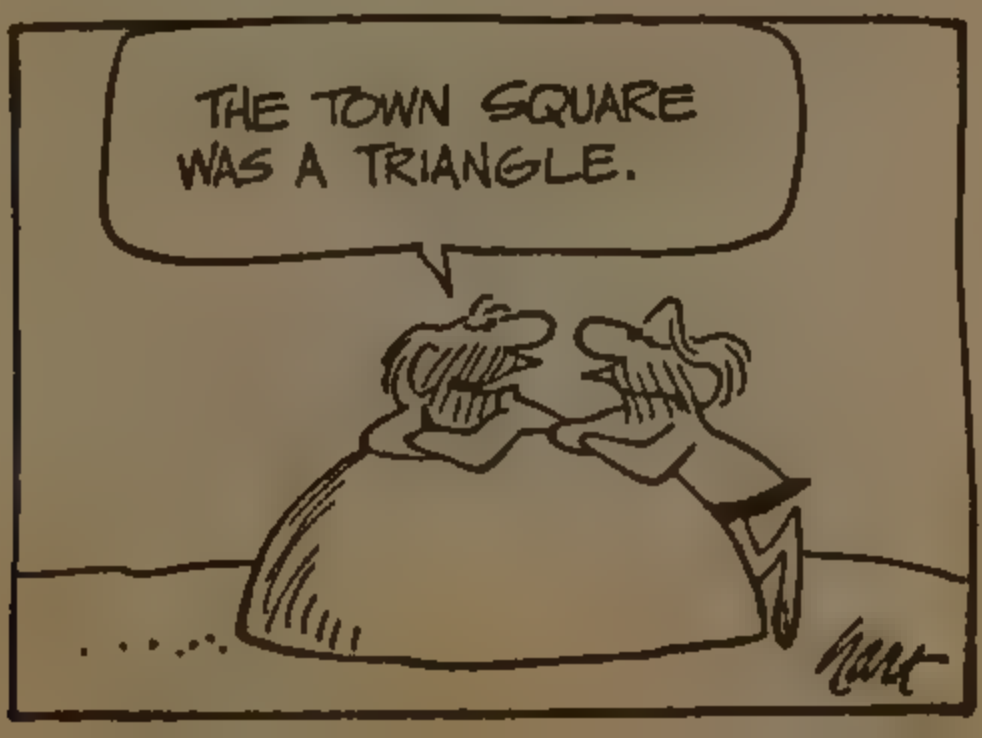
THE TOWN SQUARE WAS A TRIANGLE.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?
WHO'S WHO.

REALLY? GEE, I HOPE I'M IN THERE!...

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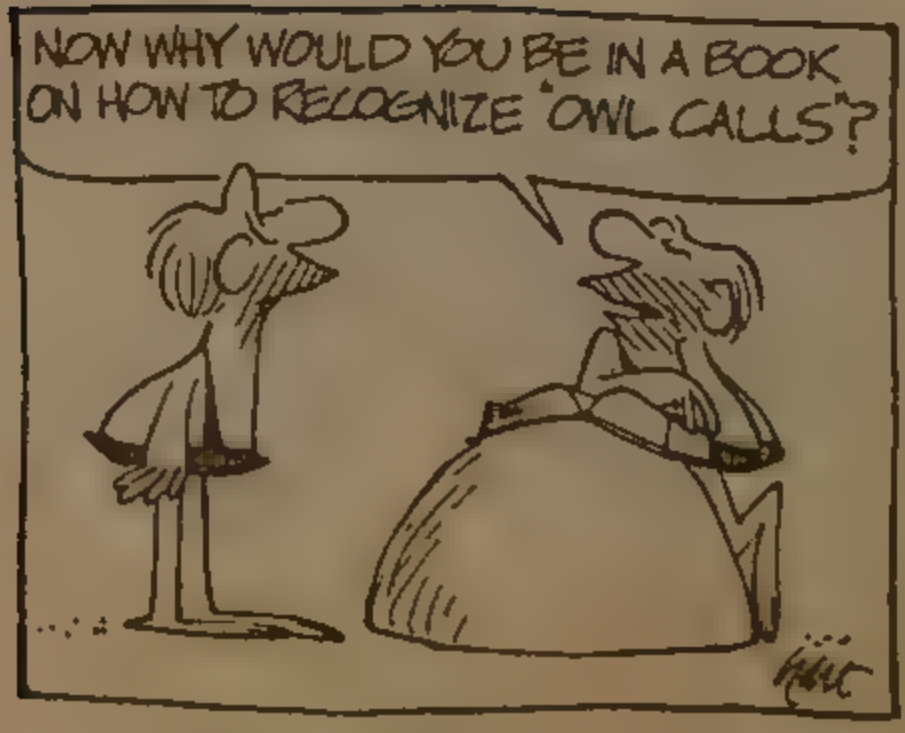
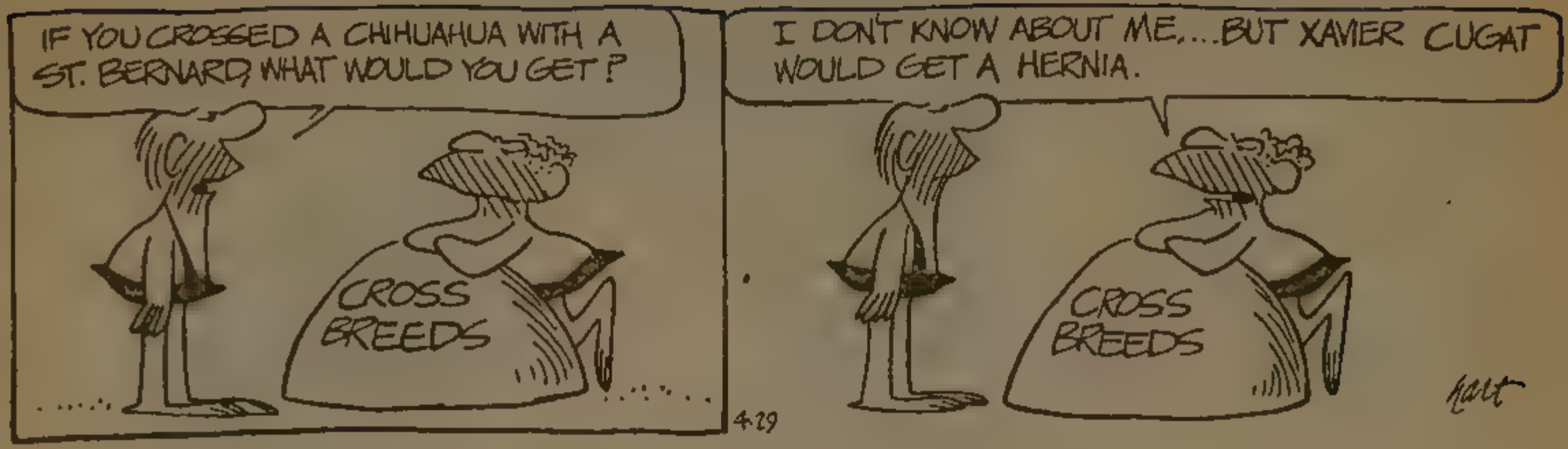

NOW WHY WOULD YOU BE IN A BOOK ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE "OWL CALLS"?


IF YOU CROSSED A CHIHUAHUA WITH A ST. BERNARD, WHAT WOULD YOU GET?
CROSS BREEDS
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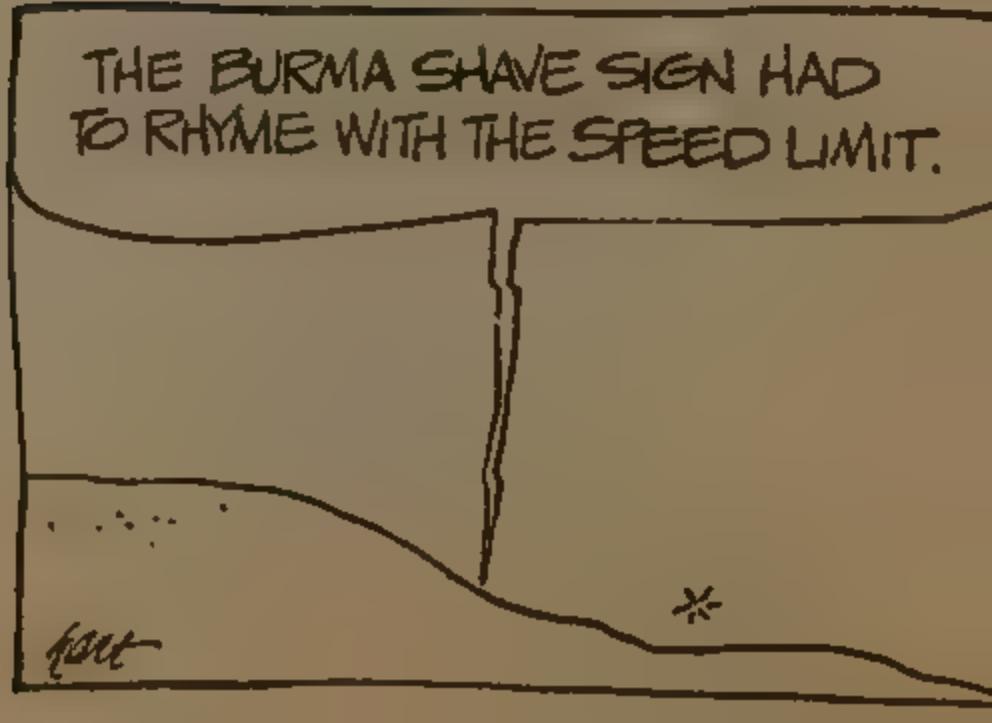
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME,...BUT XAVIER CUGAT WOULD GET A HERNIA.
CROSS BREEDS

OUR TOWN WAS SO SMALL,...

HOW SMALL WAS IT ?


THE BURMA SHAVE SIGN HAD TO RHYME WITH THE SPEED LIMIT.
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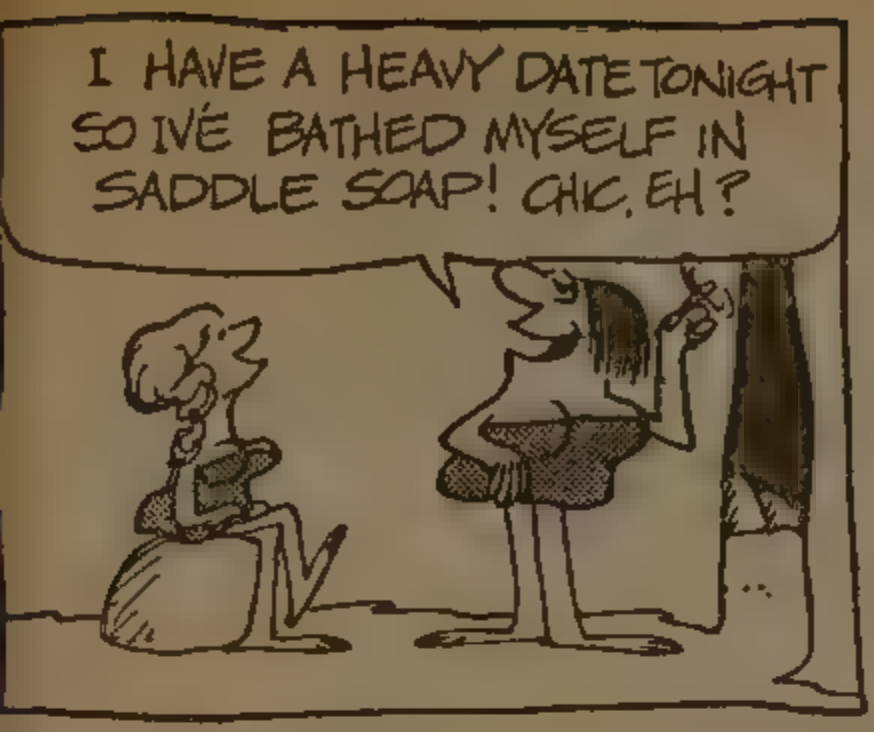
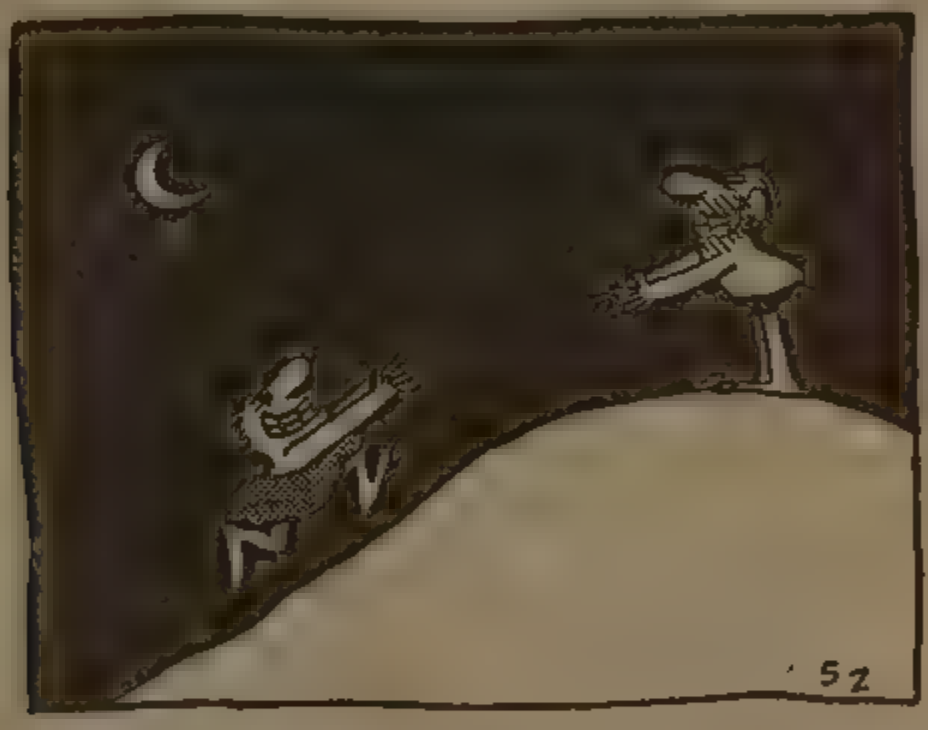

I HAVE A HEAVY DATE TONIGHT SO IVÉ BATHED MYSELF IN SADDLE SOAP! CHIC, EH?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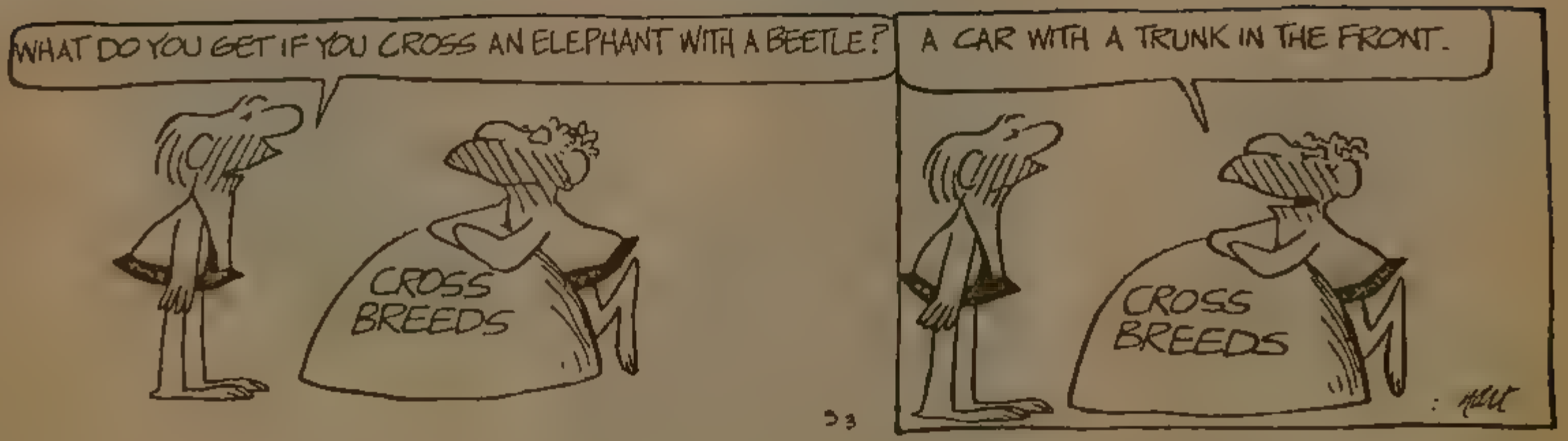
FORWARD...YO!...


WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU CROSS AN ELEPHANT WITH A BEETLE?
CROSS BREEDS
A CAR WITH A TRUNK IN THE FRONT.
CROSS BREEDS

I GOT TWO TICKETS TO THE BALL GAME. WANNA GO?

NO THANKS, I'LL TAKE A RAIN CHECK.
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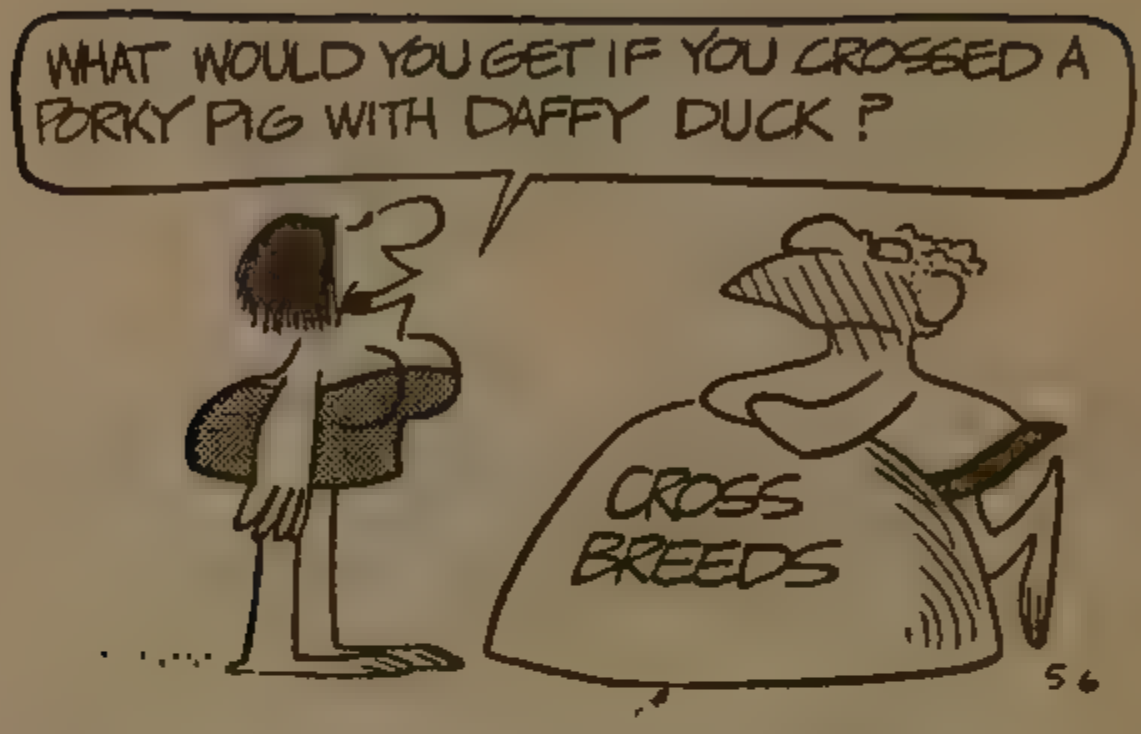
RIP


WHAT WOULD YOU GET IF YOU CROSSED A PORKY PIG WITH DAFFY DUCK?
CROSS BREEDS
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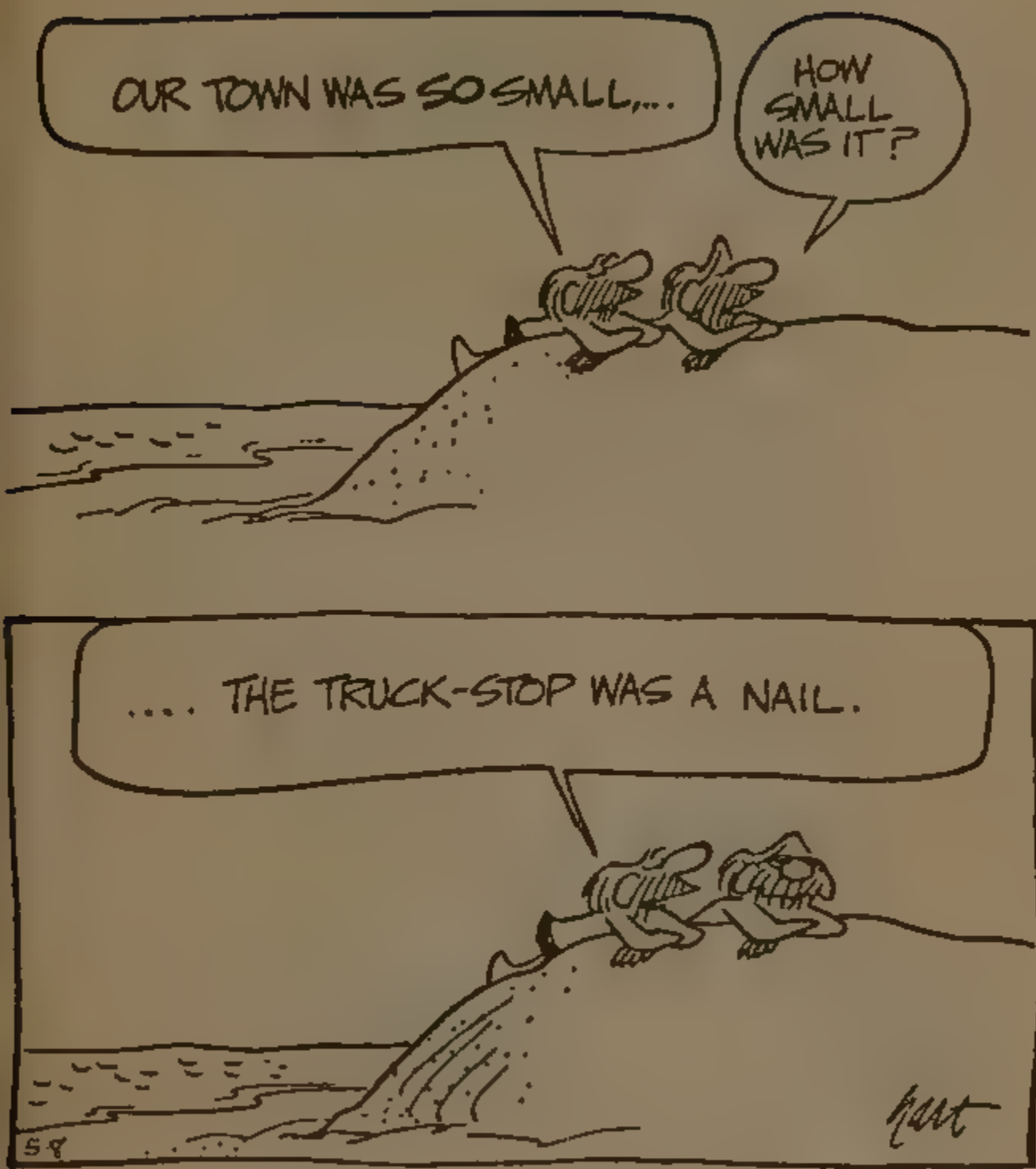
A PIG THAT SPITS WHEN HE OINKS.
CROSS BREEDS
Hart


OUR TOWN WAS SO SMALL,...
HOW SMALL WAS IT?
.... THE TRUCK-STOP WAS A NAIL.
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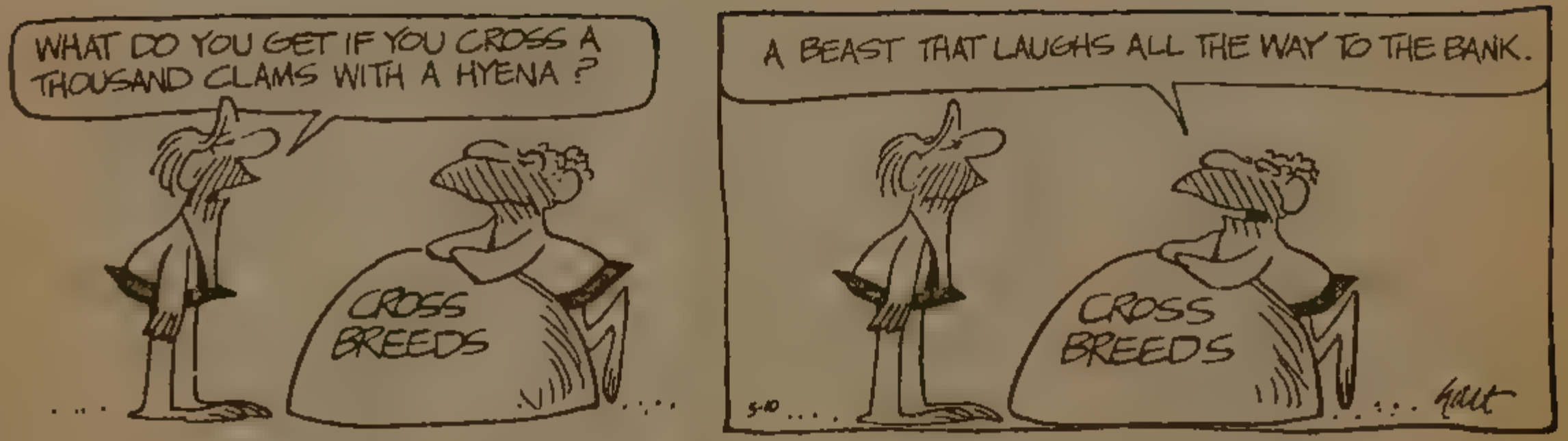
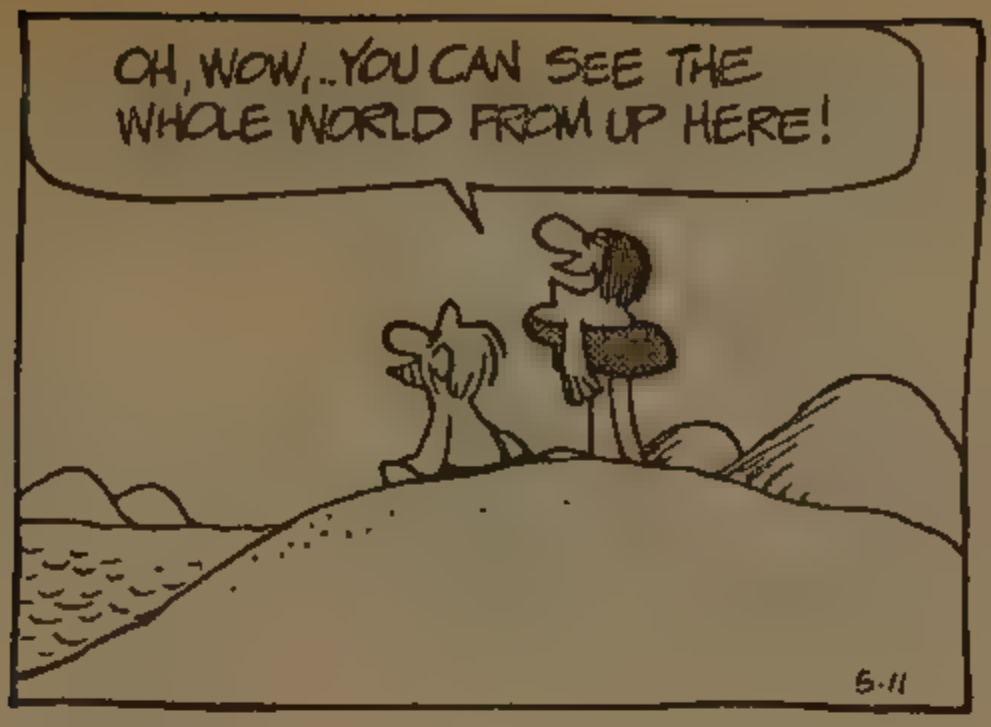

WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU CROSS A THOUSAND CLAMS WITH A HYENA ?
CROSS BREEDS
A BEAST THAT LAUGHS ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK.
CROSS BREEDS


OH, WOW,..YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE WORLD FROM UP HERE!
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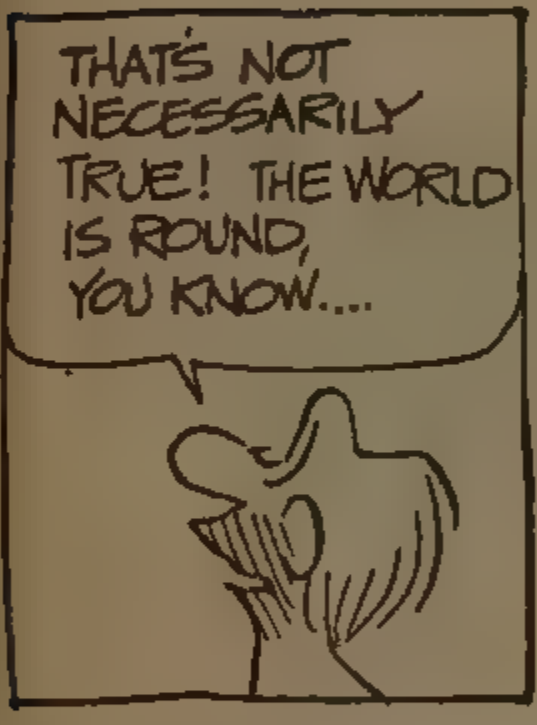
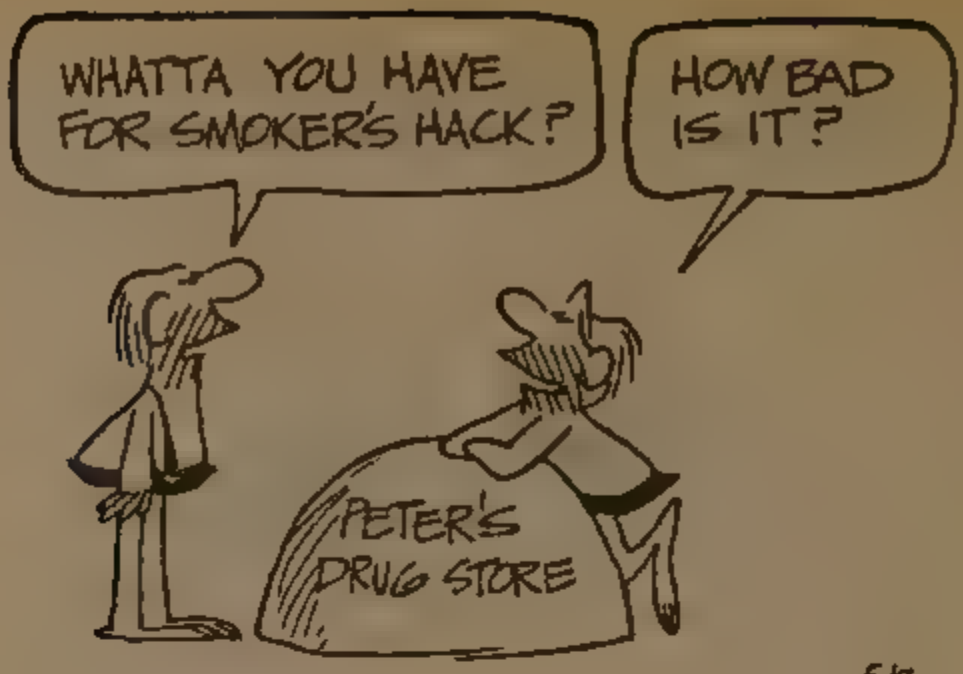

THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY TRUE! THE WORLD IS ROUND, YOU KNOW....

I DIDN'T COME UP HERE TO LISTEN TO 'SAGANISMS'!


WHATTA YOU HAVE FOR SMOKER'S HACK?
HOW BAD IS IT?
PETER'S DRUG STORE

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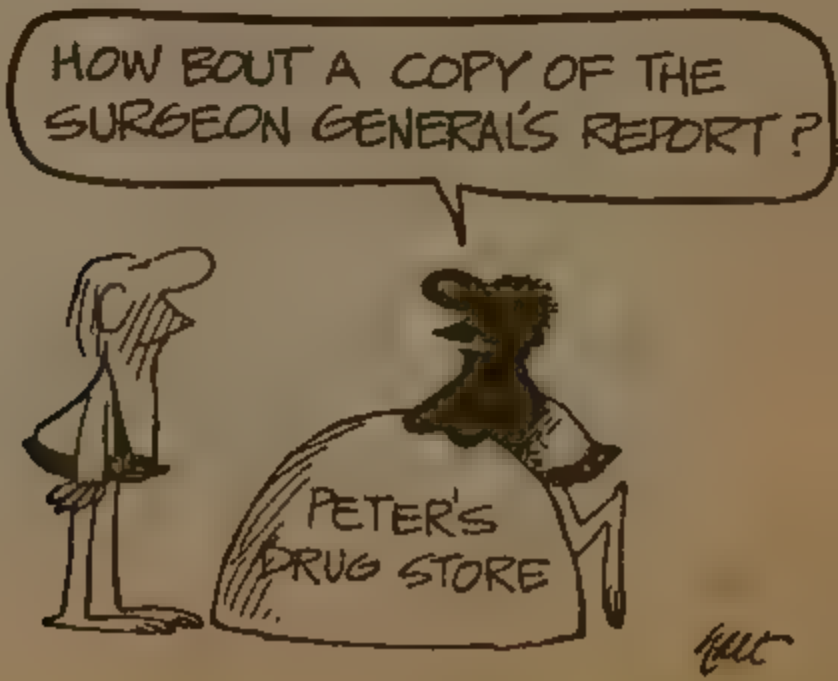
PETER'S DRUG STORE


HOW BOUT A COPY OF THE SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT?
PETER'S DRUG STORE

WOW .. WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?

THE CARD SAID, "FROM A DISTANT ADMIRER."

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HOW ARE YOU GONNA HANDLE IT WHEN HE GETS UP CLOSE?

I FOUND THIS BAG OF CLAMS. DID YOU LOSE THEM?
AS A MATTER OF FACT I DID! ..THANKS.

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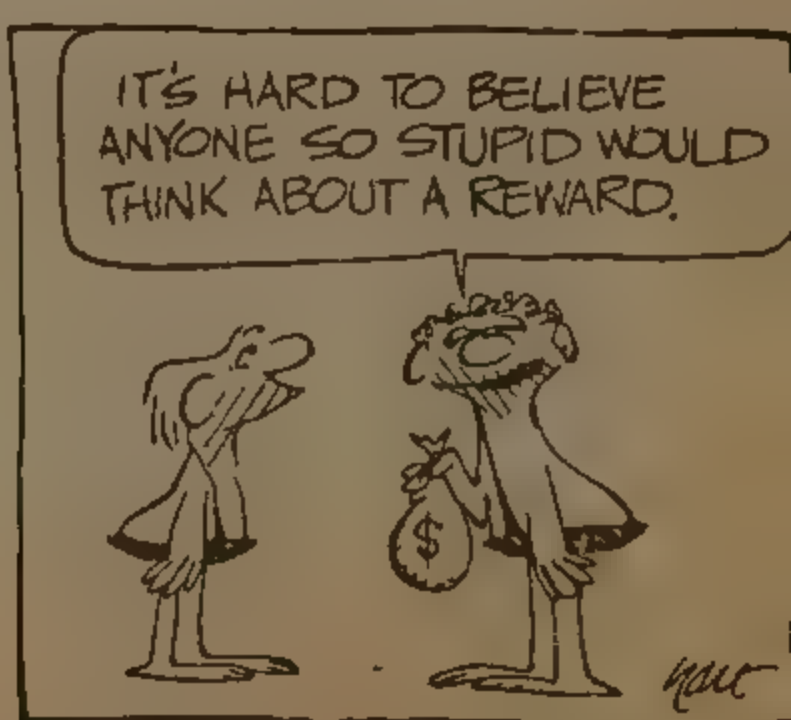
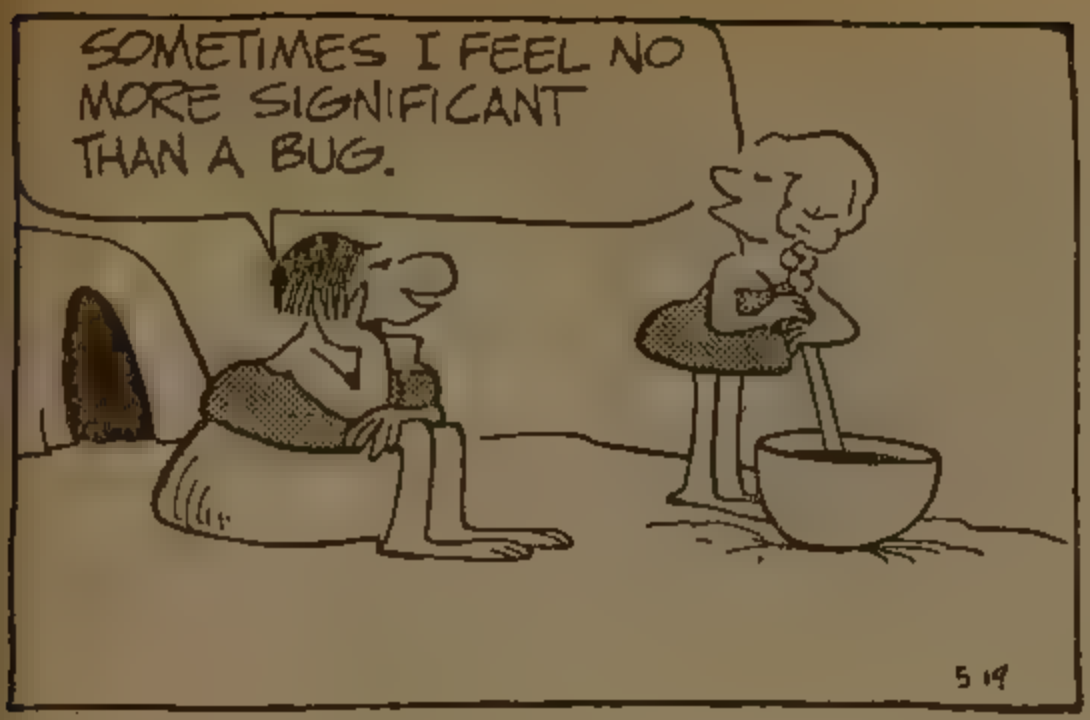
WELL?
WELL WHAT?
WHAT ABOUT THE REWARD?


IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE ANYONE SO STUPID WOULD THINK ABOUT A REWARD.


SOMETIMES I FEEL NO MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN A BUG.
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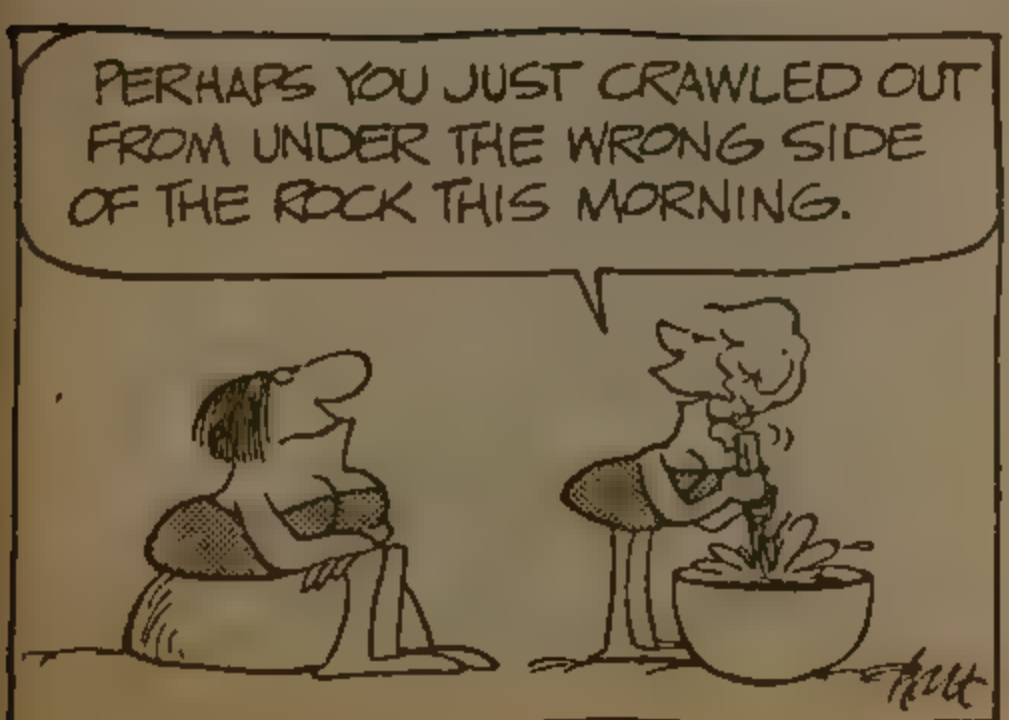
EVERYONE FEELS THAT WAY ONCE IN A WHILE,...


PERHAPS YOU JUST CRAWLED OUT FROM UNDER THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROCK THIS MORNING.

WHATTA YA THINK?
PAR 3
190 YDS

FOR YOUR SWING,.... ABOUT A 9.
A 9 IRON FOR 190 YARDS?

I WAS THINKING MORE OF 9 STROKES.

WHY DO YOU LIVE IN A TREE INSTEAD OF A CAVE LIKE THE REST OF US?

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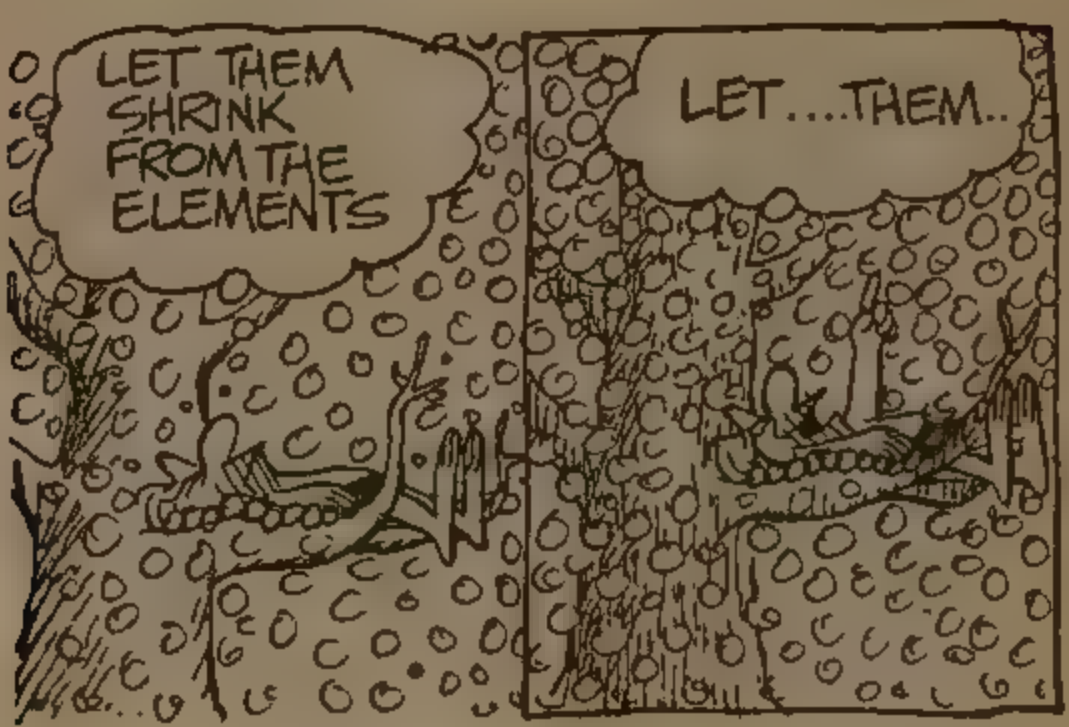
WHY, INDEED

LET THEM LIVE IN THEIR STUPID CAVES...


LET THEM SHRINK FROM THE ELEMENTS
LET....THEM..

GET ME OUT OF THIS FREAKING TREE!

TO LIVE IN A CAVE IS THE MARK OF A COWARD!

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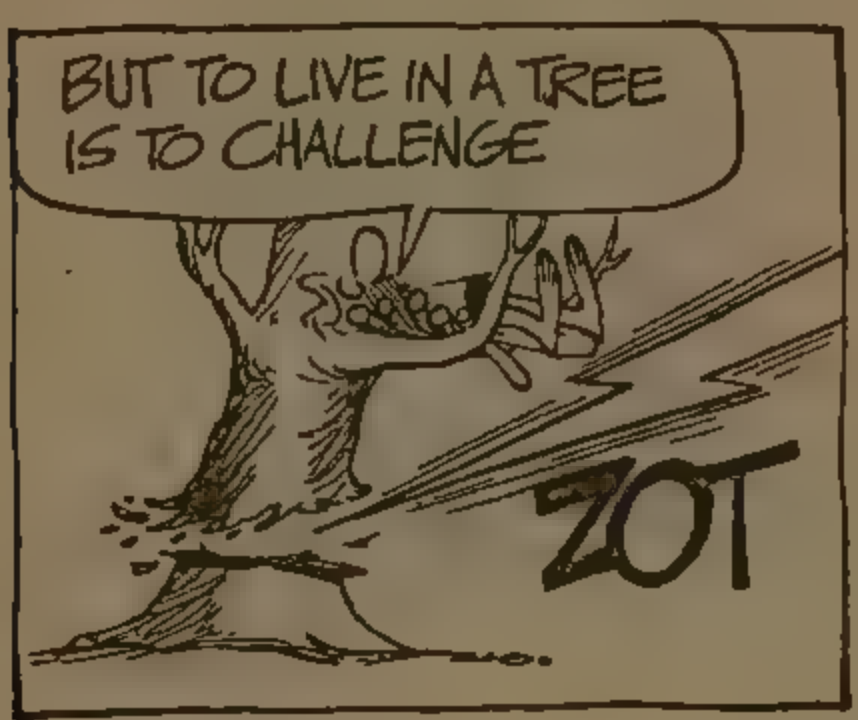
BUT TO LIVE IN A TREE IS TO CHALLENGE
ZOT

....THE ZOT....

YEA, THOUGH I HAVE WEATHERED THE WRATH AND THE STORM,...

I FEAR NOT, FOR I....

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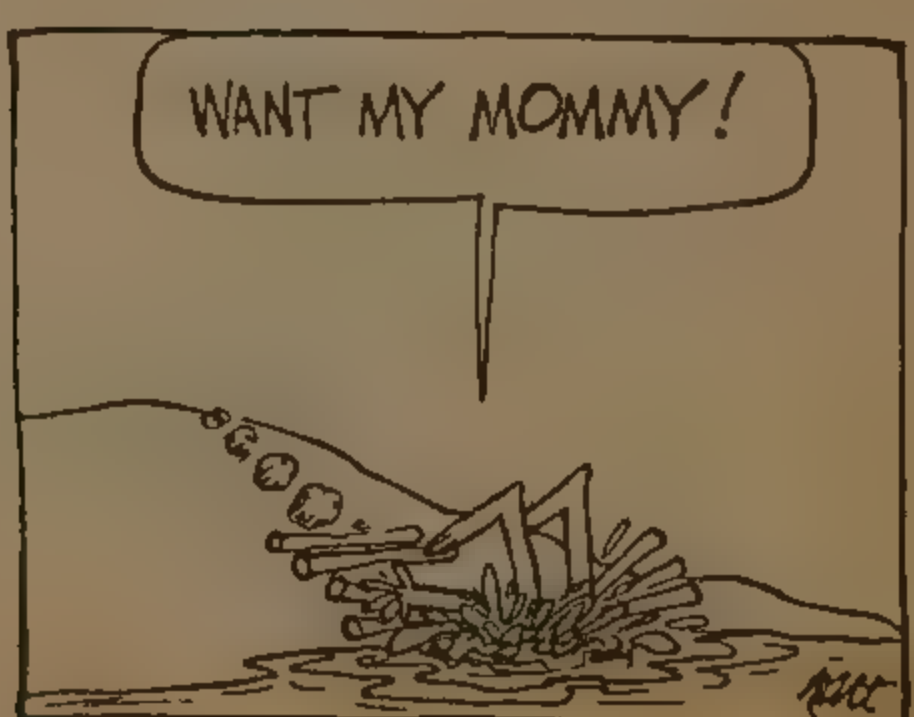
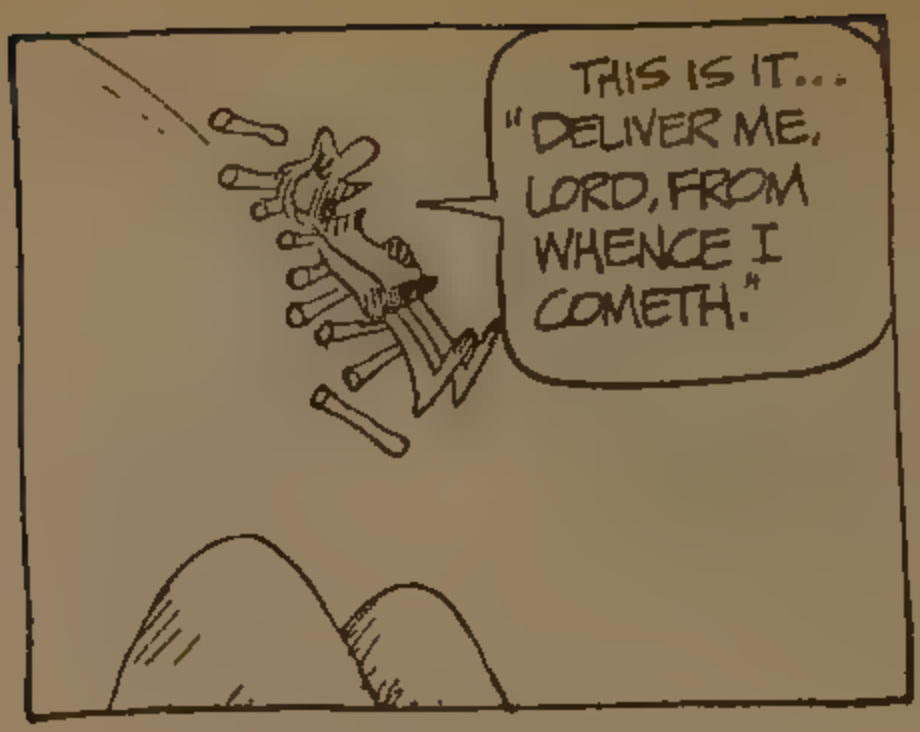

WANT MY MOMMY!

DO I SHOW FEAR IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY?

NAY, FOR THE LORD SHALL DELIVER ME ..

... UH LORD?



'KRACKLE'
'CRUNCH'
'SPLINTER'
'SPLINTER'
SPPORK.

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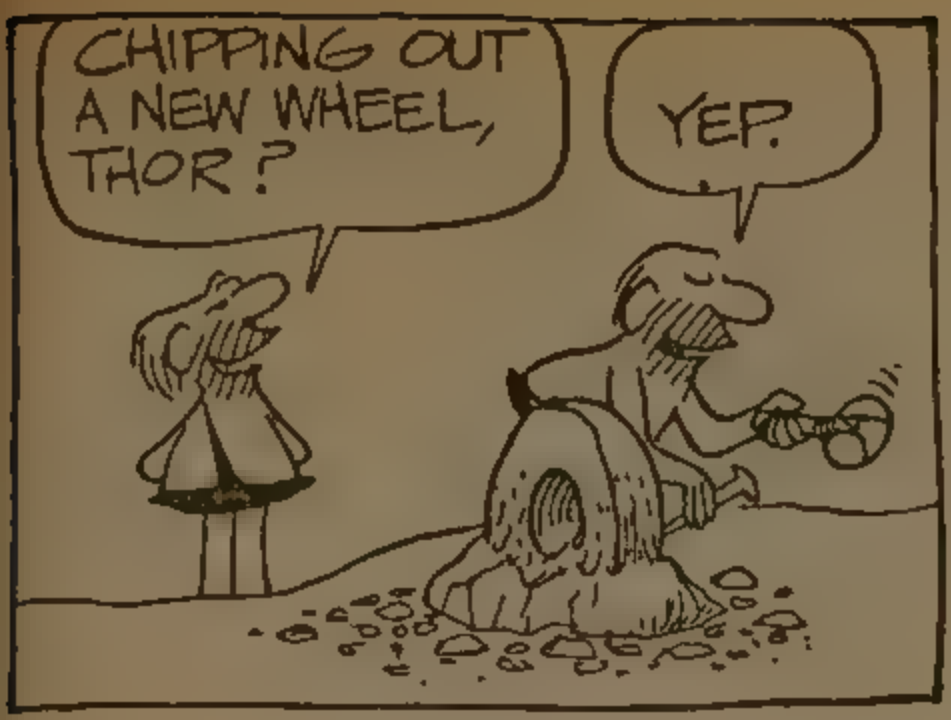
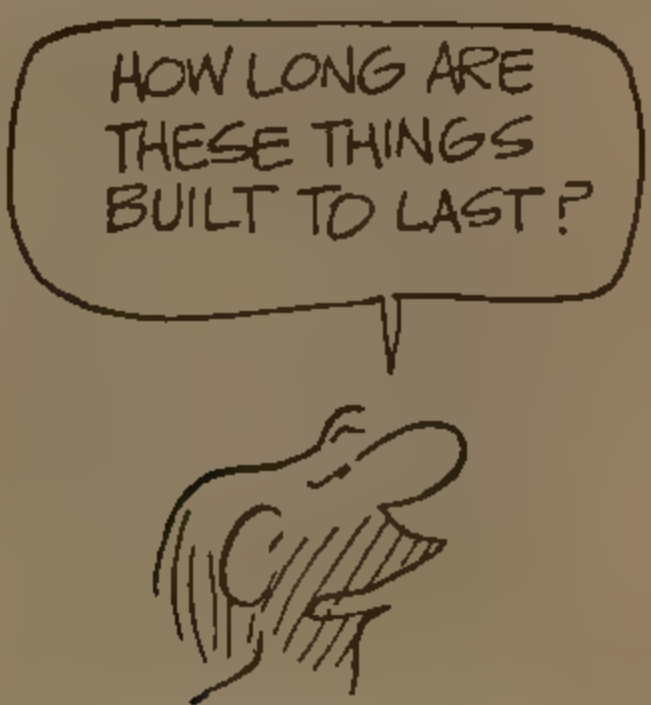

CHIPPING OUT A NEW WHEEL, THOR?
YEP.


HOW LONG ARE THESE THINGS BUILT TO LAST?

12 MONTHS, 10,000 MILES OR A BRICK WALL, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
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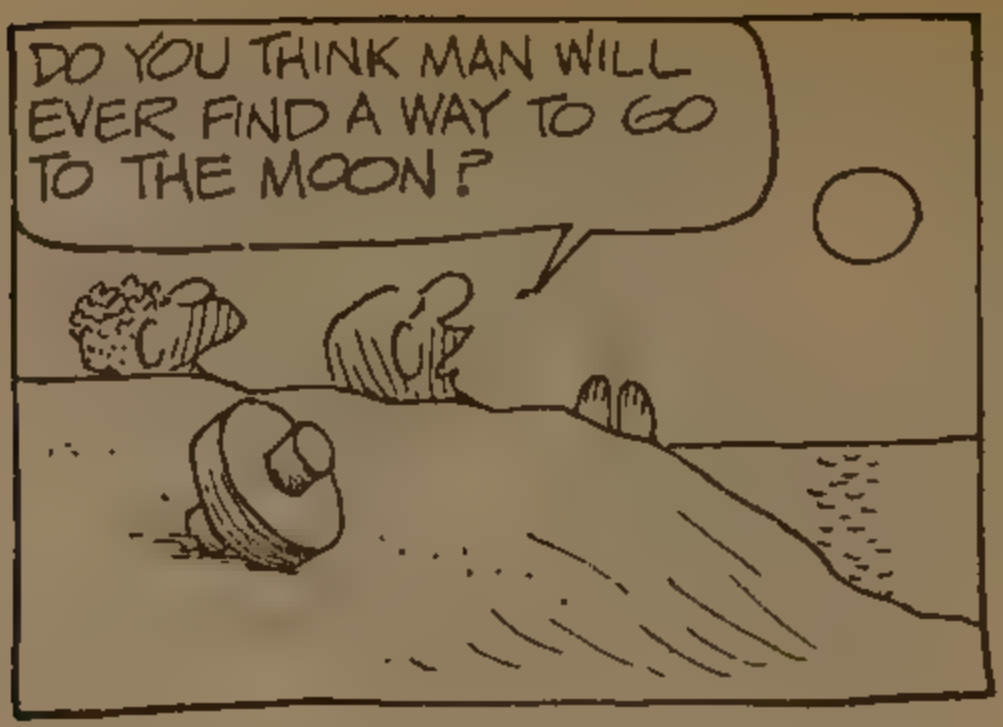
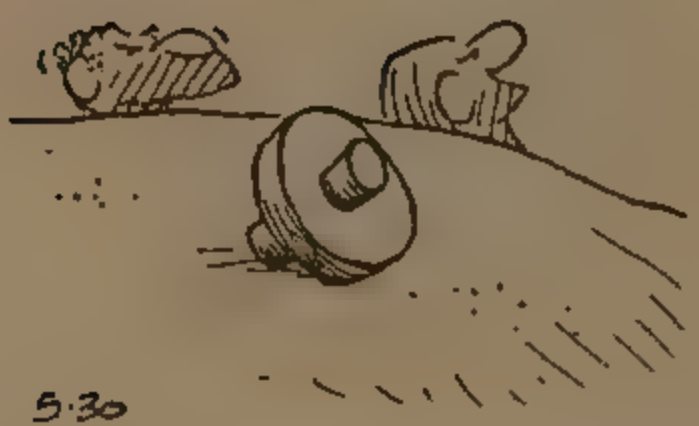

DO YOU THINK MAN WILL EVER FIND A WAY TO GO TO THE MOON?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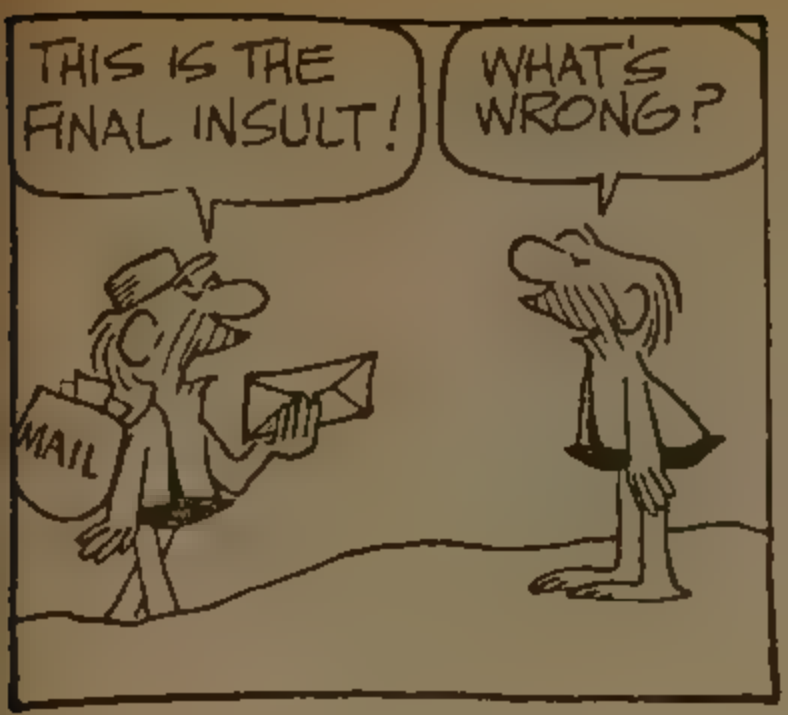
NOT IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.
hart


THIS IS THE FINAL INSULT!
WHAT'S WRONG?
MAIL

HERE'S YOUR @★#!! MAIL!
?

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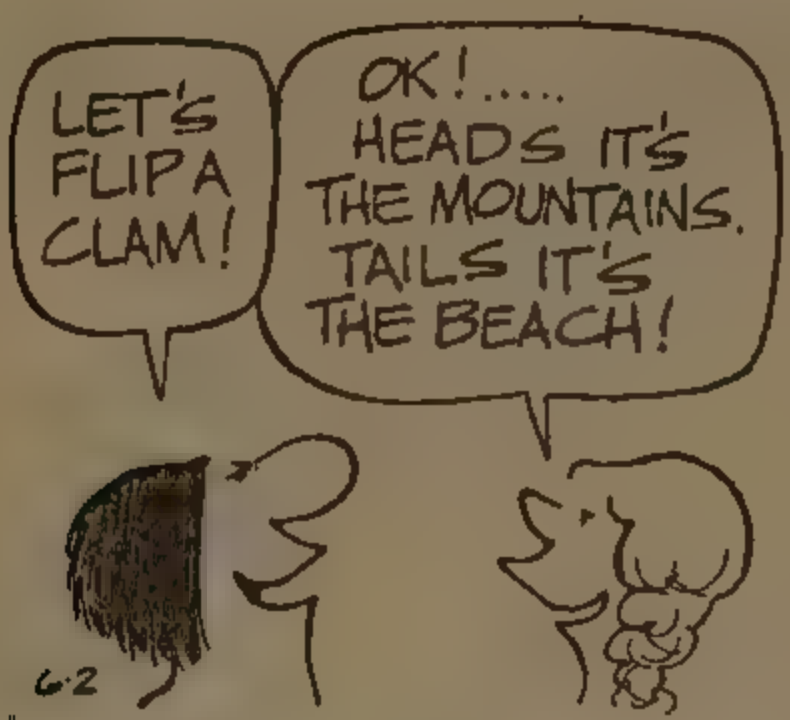
I QUIT!
THIS SIDE UP
B.C.
Hart

HOW DO I GET MORE DISTANCE OUT OF MY DRIVES?
GOLF PRO
6-1

TRY THIS.
WHAT IS IT?

AN AIR MAIL STAMP.
GOLF PRO
Hart

LETS GO TO THE MOUNTAINS!
NO, ..LET'S GO TO THE BEACH!


LET'S FLIP A CLAM!
OK!..... HEADS IT'S THE MOUNTAINS. TAILS IT'S THE BEACH!
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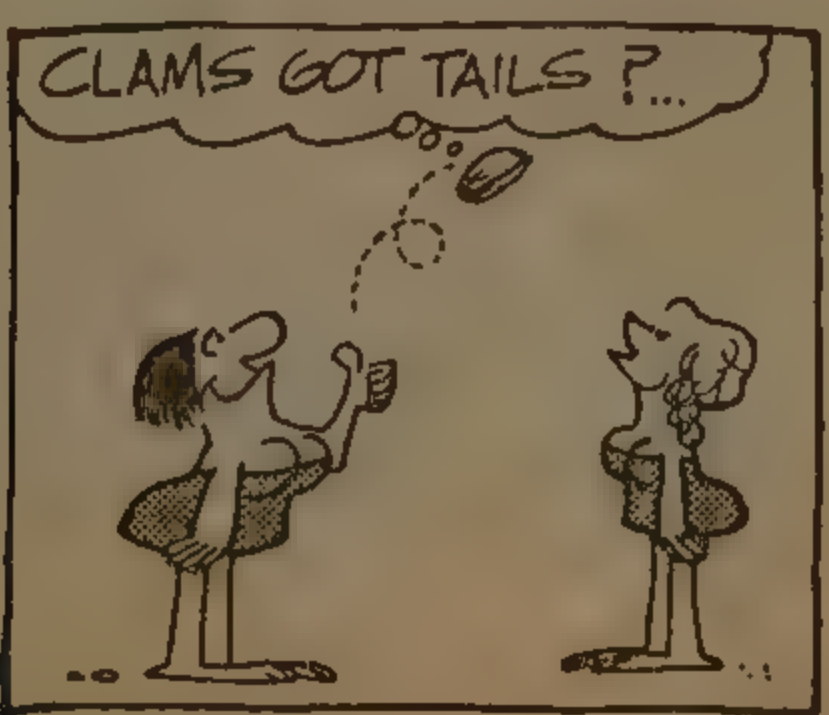
CLAMS GOT TAILS ?...

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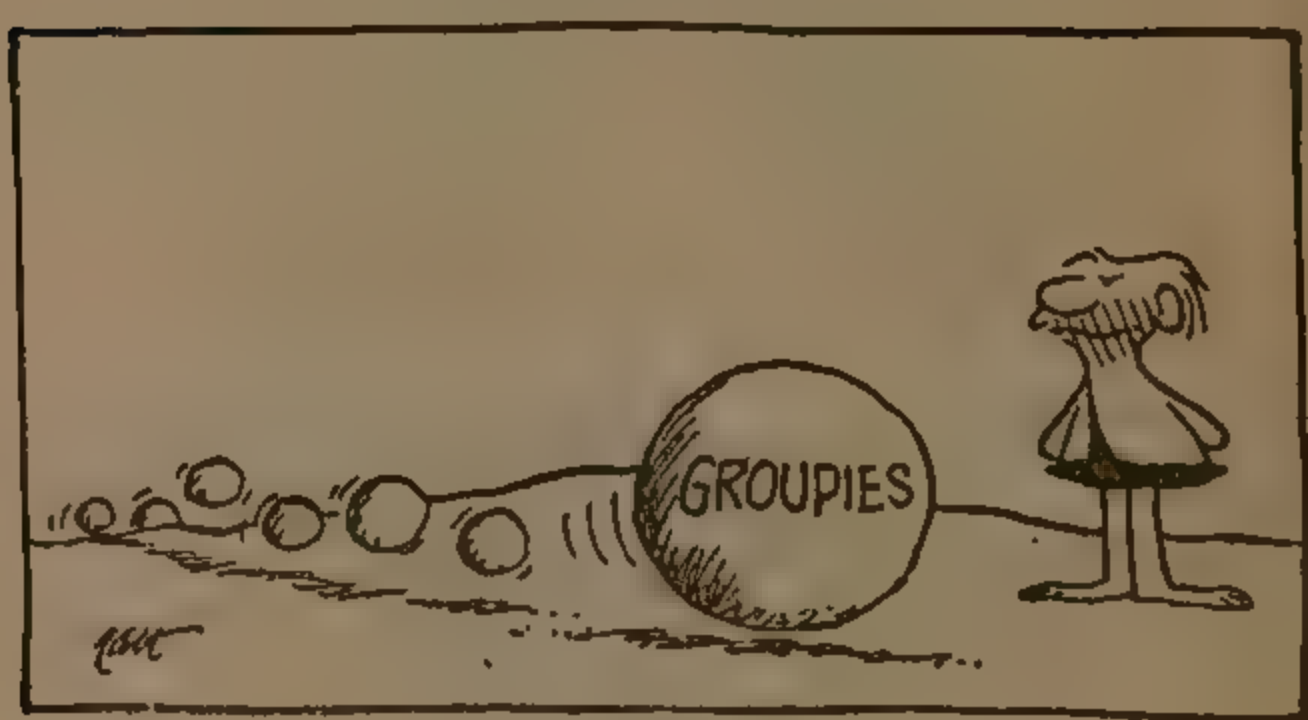

I'D LIKE A HAMMER, PLEASE.
HOUSE OF A THOUSAND AND ONE ITEMS
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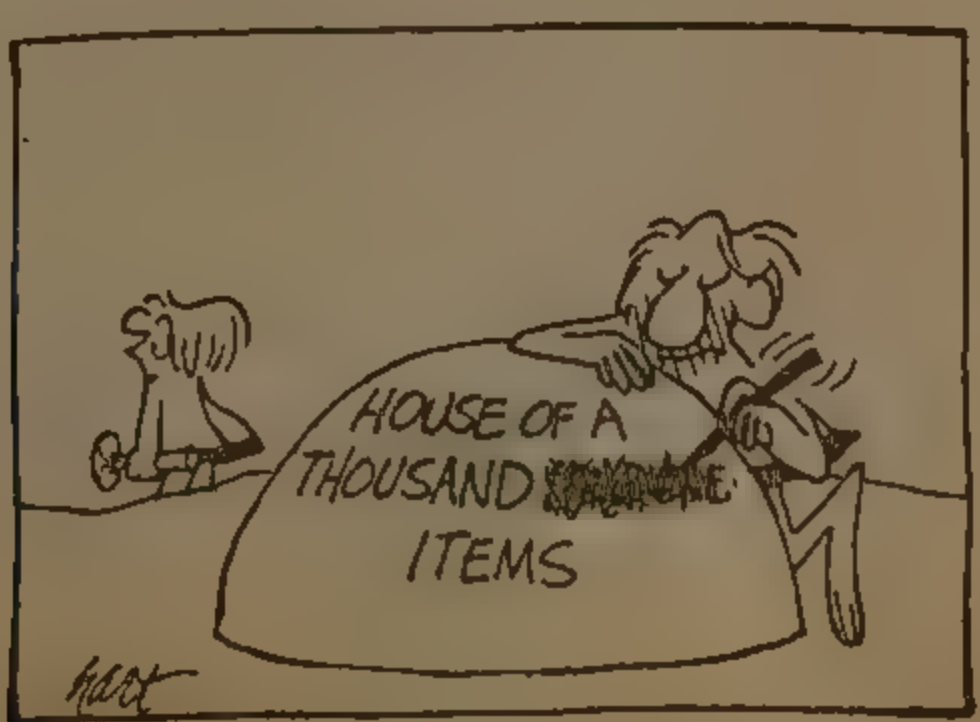
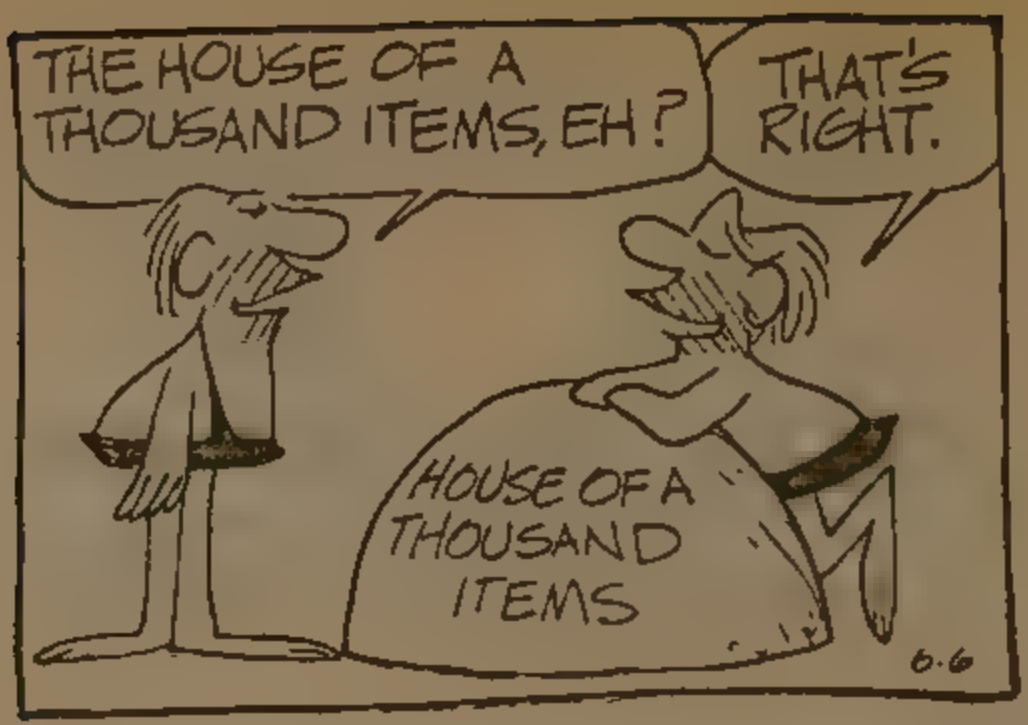
THANK YOU.


HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS
Hart


THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS, EH?
THAT'S RIGHT.
HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS
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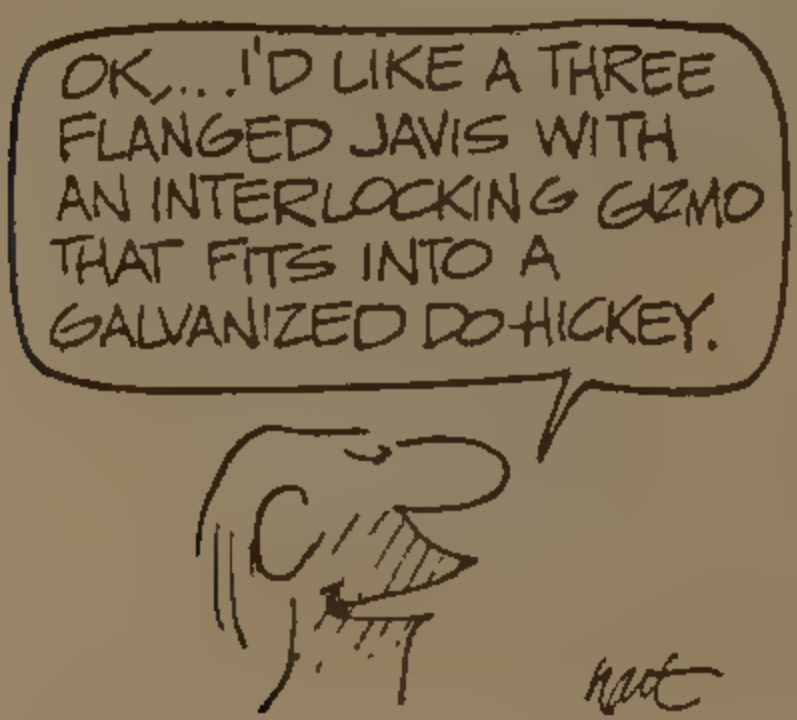
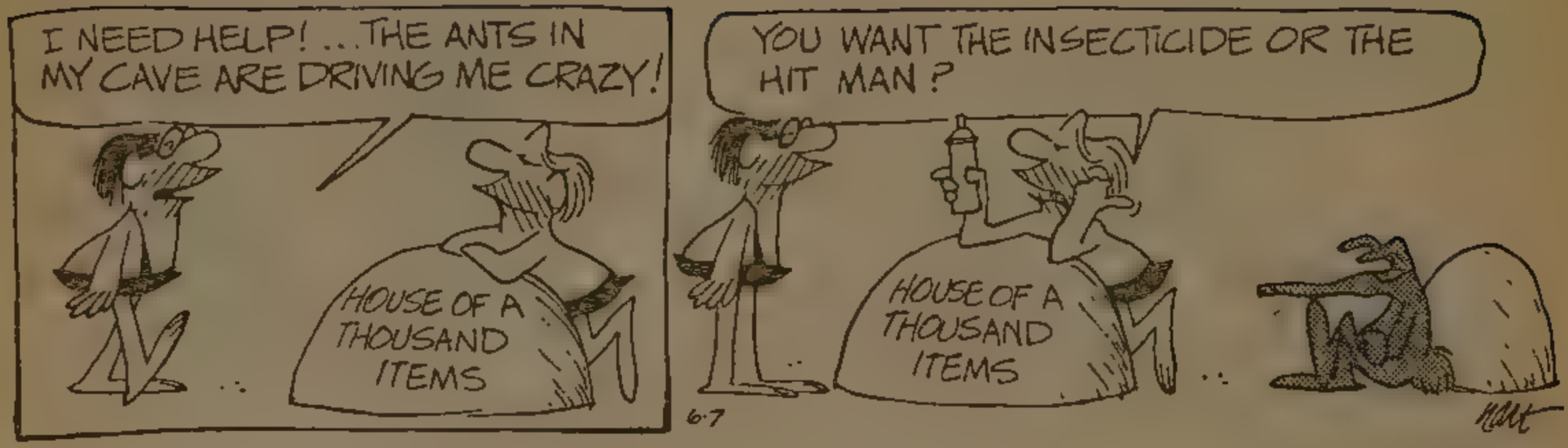

OK,...I'D LIKE A THREE FLANGED JAVIS WITH AN INTERLOCKING GIZMO THAT FITS INTO A GALVANIZED DO-HICKEY.

LET'S SEE, THAT COMES WITH OR WITHOUT THE WING NUTS.
HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS


I NEED HELP! ...THE ANTS IN MY CAVE ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY!
HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS
YOU WANT THE INSECTICIDE OR THE HIT MAN?
HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS
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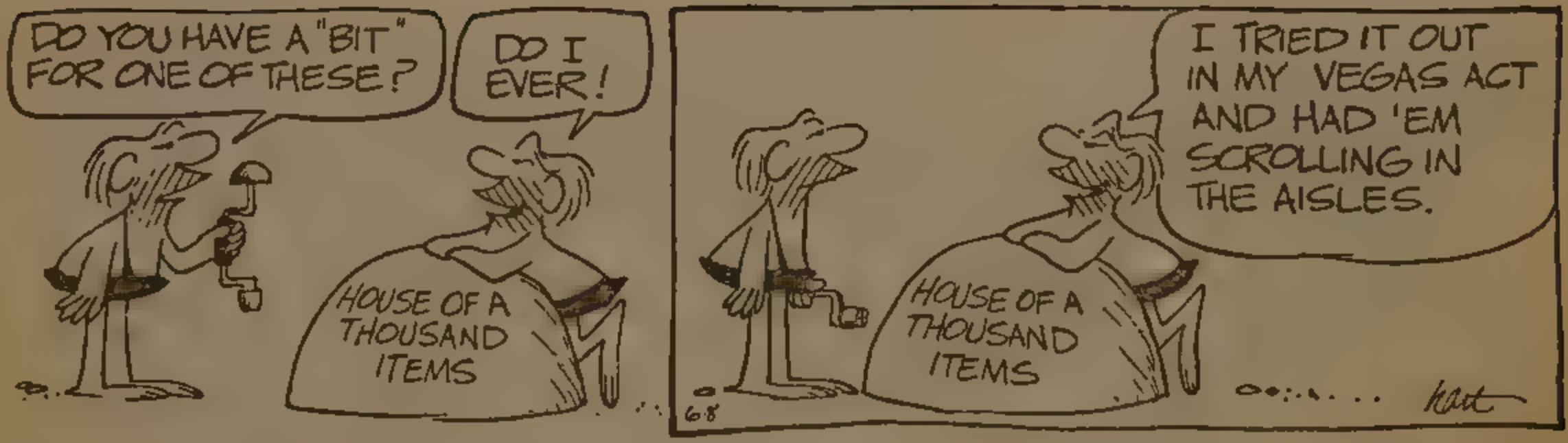
DO YOU HAVE A "BIT" FOR ONE OF THESE?
DO I EVER!
HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS
I TRIED IT OUT IN MY VEGAS ACT AND HAD 'EM SCROLLING IN THE AISLES.
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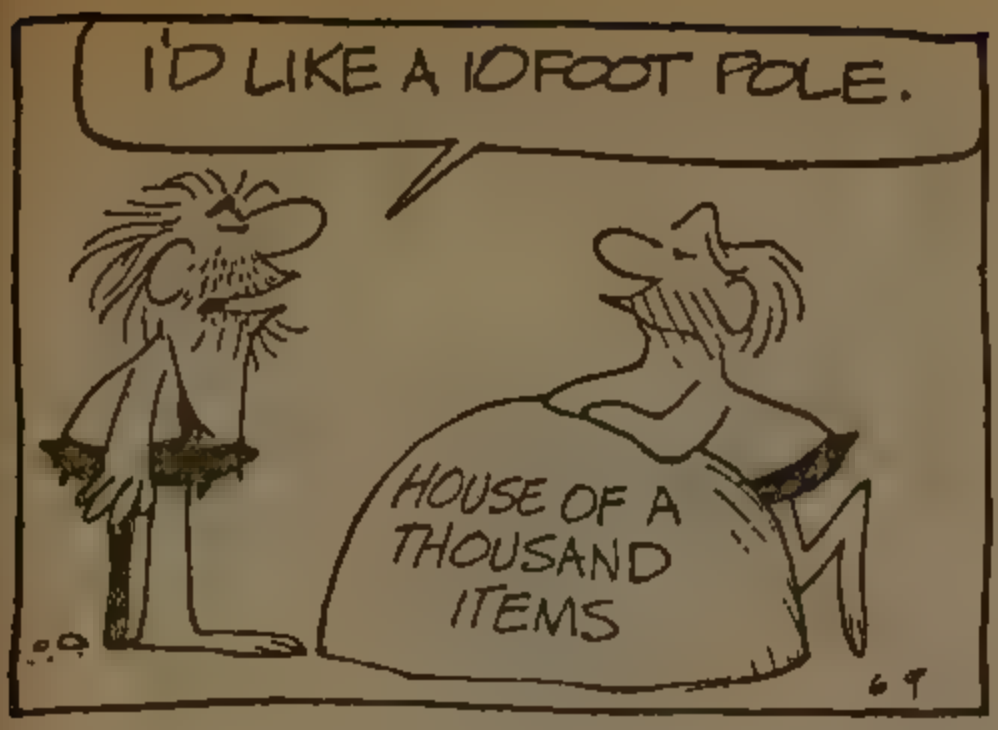
I'D LIKE A 10FOOT POLE.
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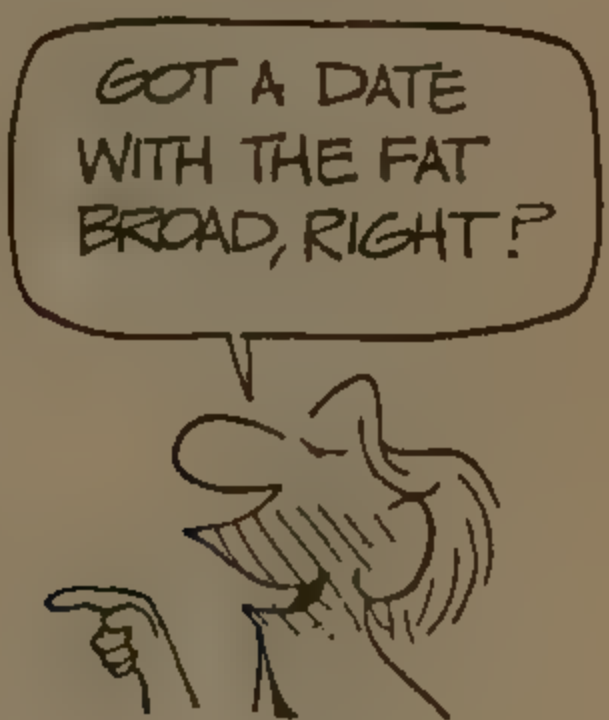
GOT A DATE WITH THE FAT BROAD, RIGHT?

NO, I'M ORGANIZING A POLISH BASKETBALL TEAM.
HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS
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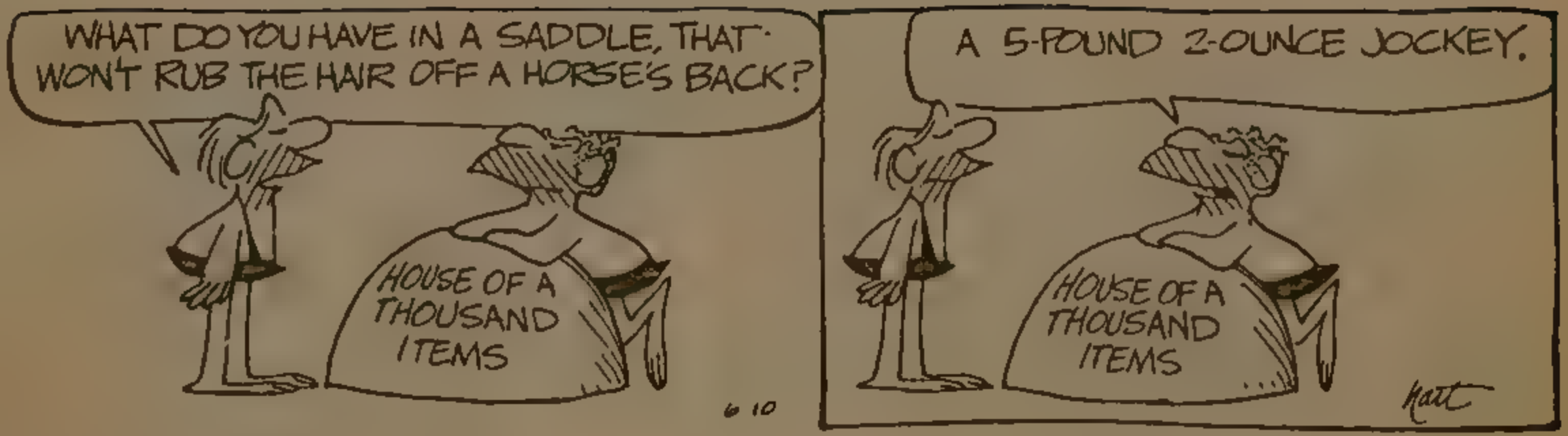
WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN A SADDLE, THAT WON'T RUB THE HAIR OFF A HORSE'S BACK?
HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS
6 10
A 5-POUND 2-OUNCE JOCKEY.
HOUSE OF A THOUSAND ITEMS
Katt

I'LL TAKE THAT ONE,... AND THAT CUTE ONE THERE,.... AND
CLUMSY'S BAIT SHOP
MINNOWS
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THIS AIN'T NO @#★★!! PET SHOP, LADY!

WHERE DO YOU KEEP YOUR FATHEAD MINNOWS?
IN THE TANK WITH THE OTHERS.
CLUMSY'S BAIT SHOP

WHICH ONES ARE FATHEADS?
MINN
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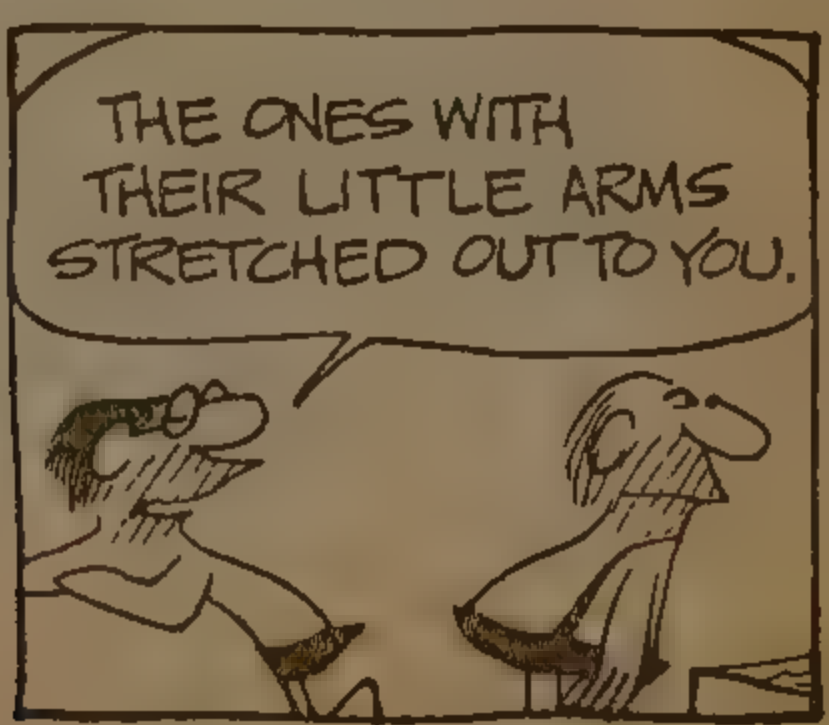
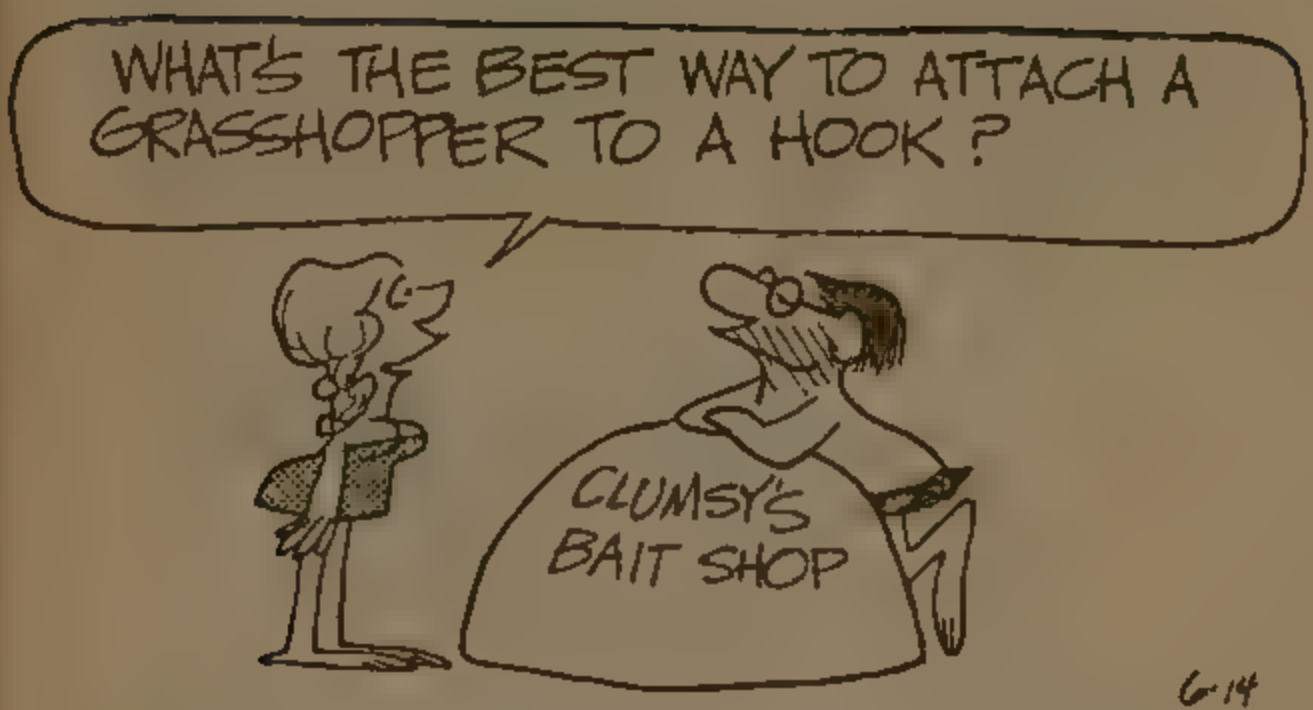

THE ONES WITH THEIR LITTLE ARMS STRETCHED OUT TO YOU.


WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO ATTACH A GRASSHOPPER TO A HOOK?
CLUMSY'S BAIT SHOP

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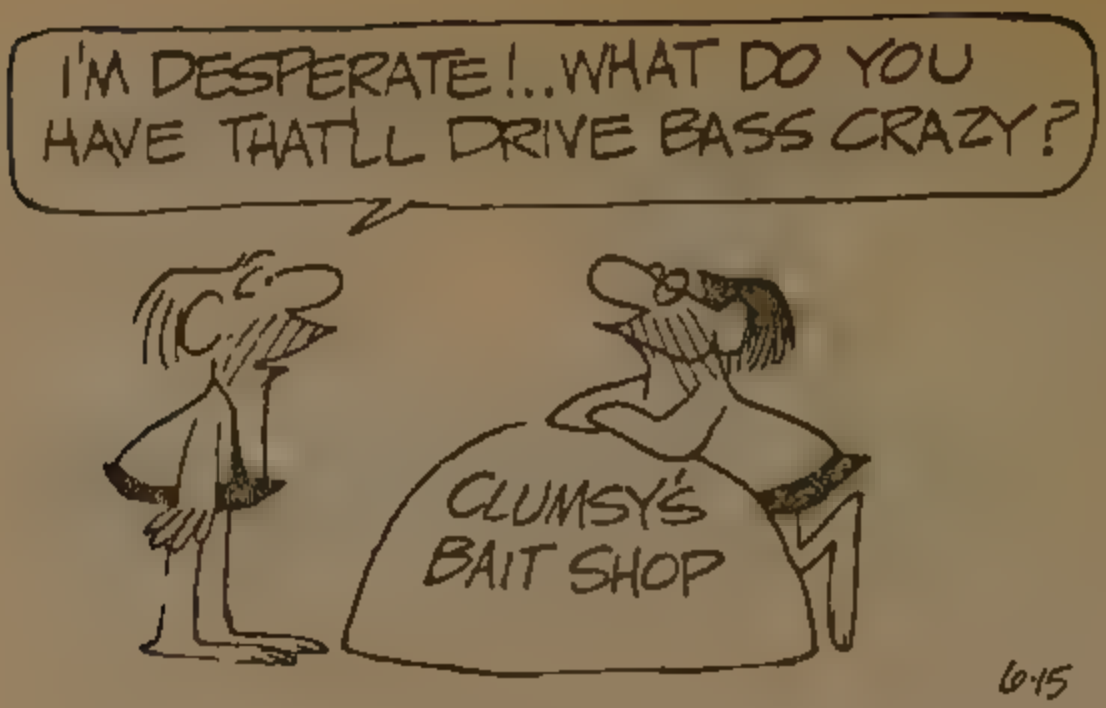
JUST SLIP IT THROUGH THE LITTLE SPRINGS ON HIS FEET.
CLUMSY'S BAIT SHOP


I'M DESPERATE!..WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT'LL DRIVE BASS CRAZY?
CLUMSY'S BAIT SHOP
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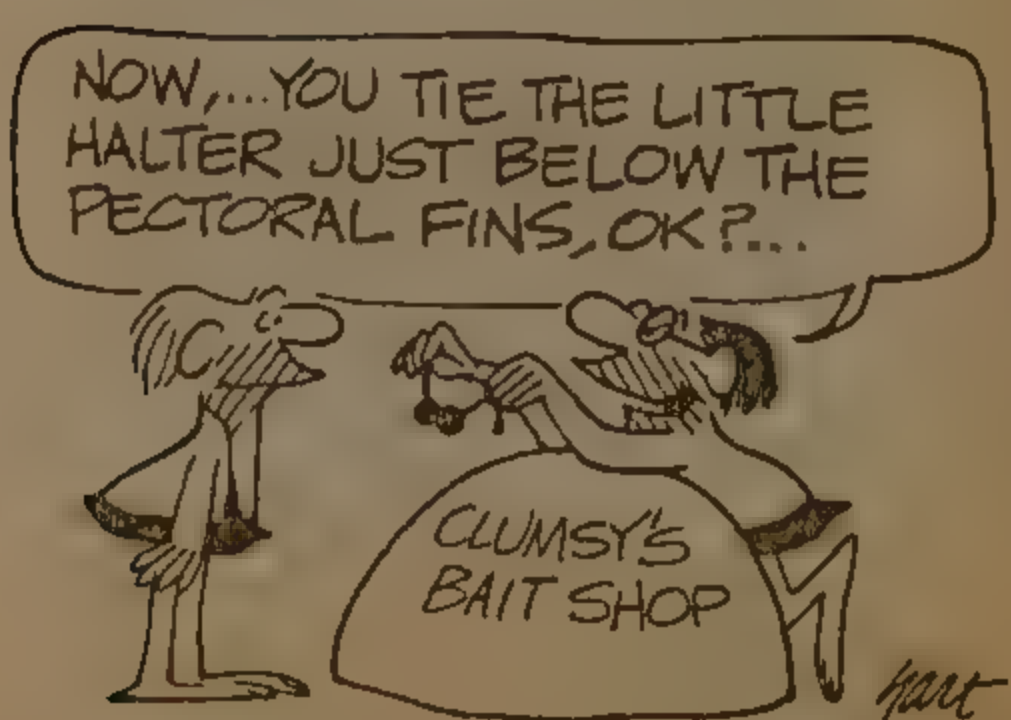
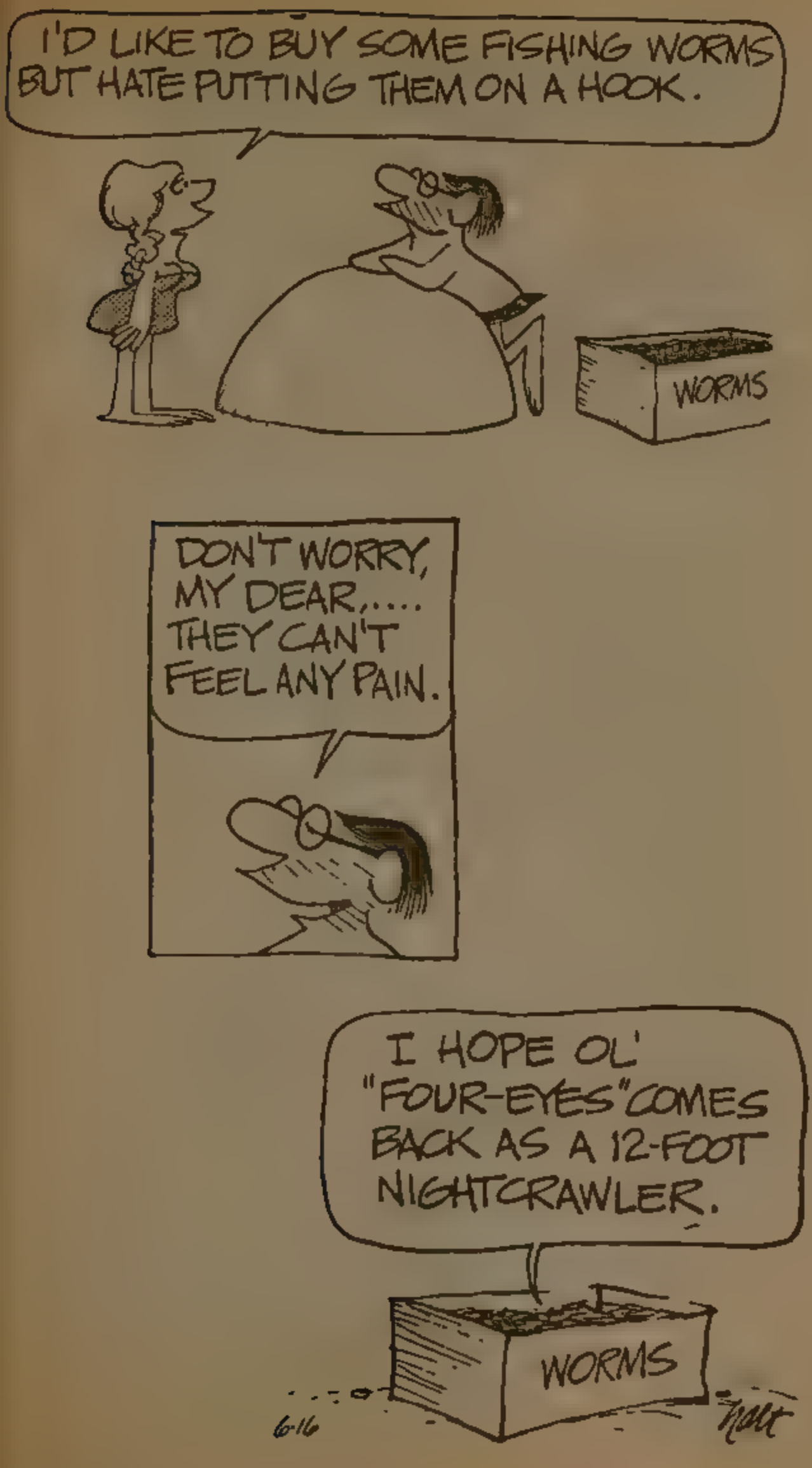
YOU'RE IN LUCK, MY FRIEND,...


NOW,...YOU TIE THE LITTLE HALTER JUST BELOW THE PECTORAL FINS, OK?...
CLUMSY'S BAIT SHOP
Hart


I'D LIKE TO BUY SOME FISHING WORMS BUT HATE PUTTING THEM ON A HOOK.
WORMS
DON'T WORRY, MY DEAR,.... THEY CAN'T FEEL ANY PAIN.
I HOPE OL' "FOUR-EYES" COMES BACK AS A 12-FOOT NIGHTCRAWLER.
WORMS
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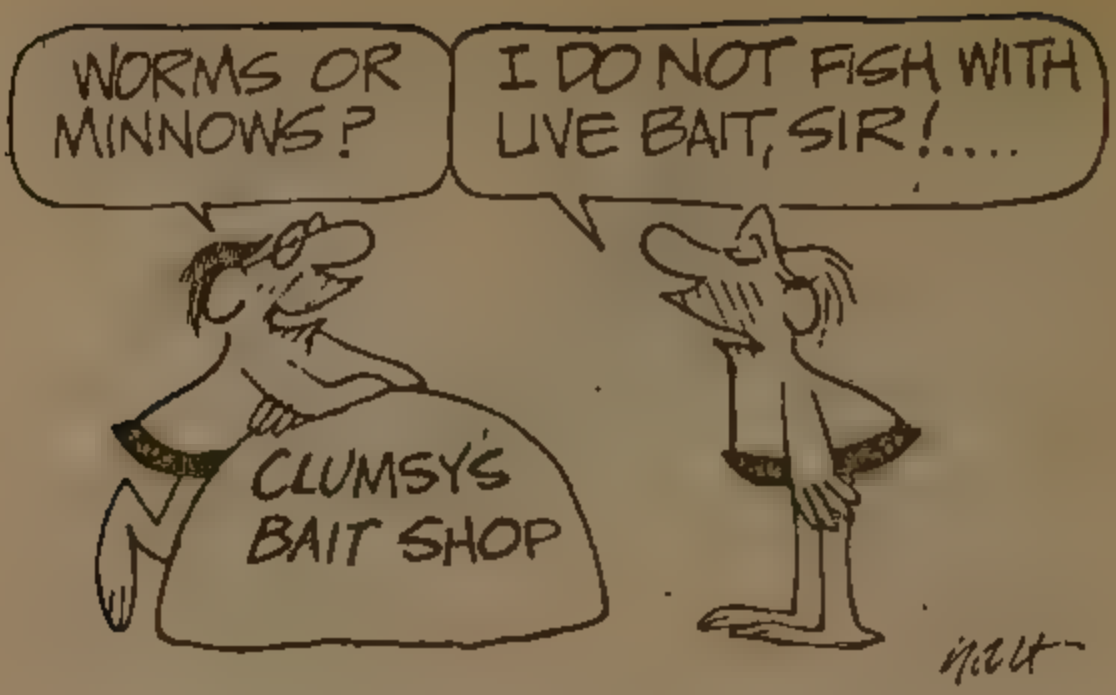
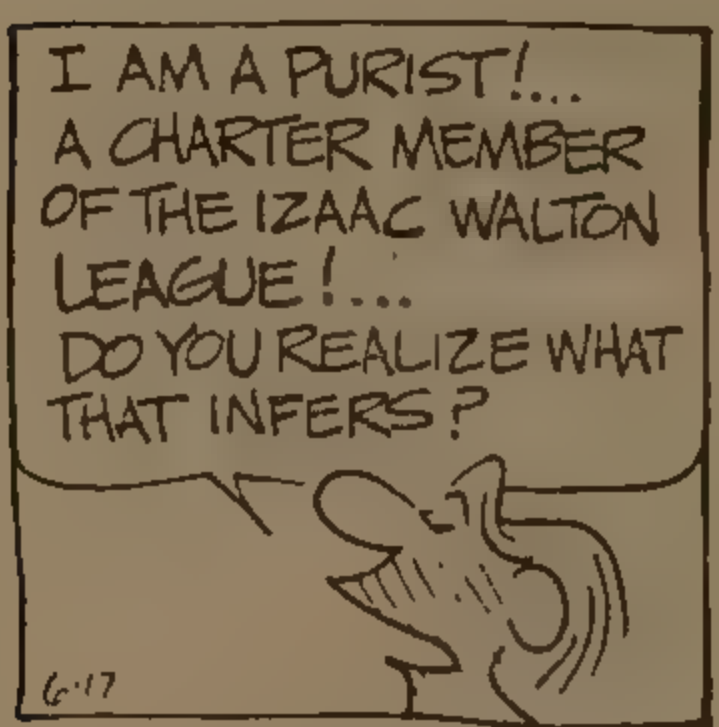

WORMS OR MINNOWS?
I DO NOT FISH WITH LIVE BAIT, SIR!....
CLUMSY'S BAIT SHOP


I AM A PURIST!... A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE IZAAC WALTON LEAGUE!... DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THAT INFERS?
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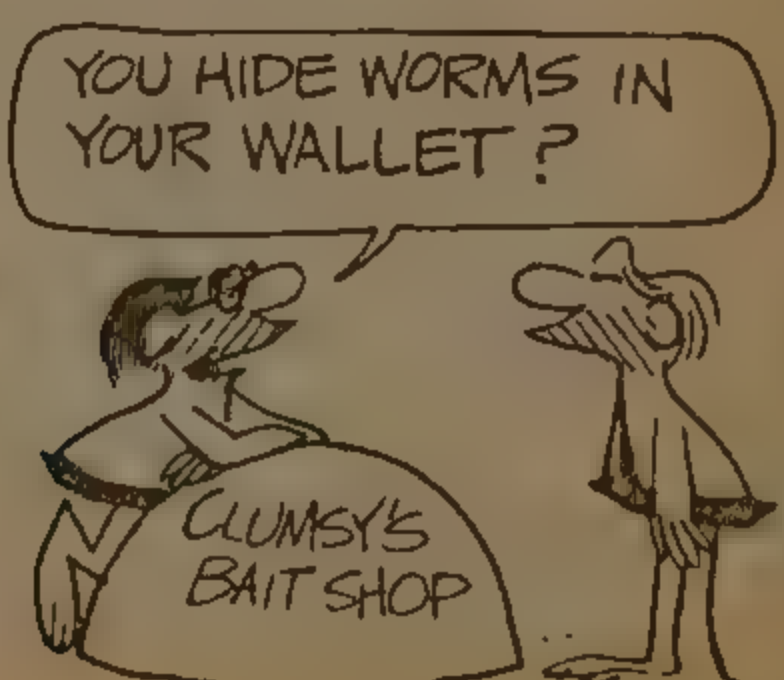
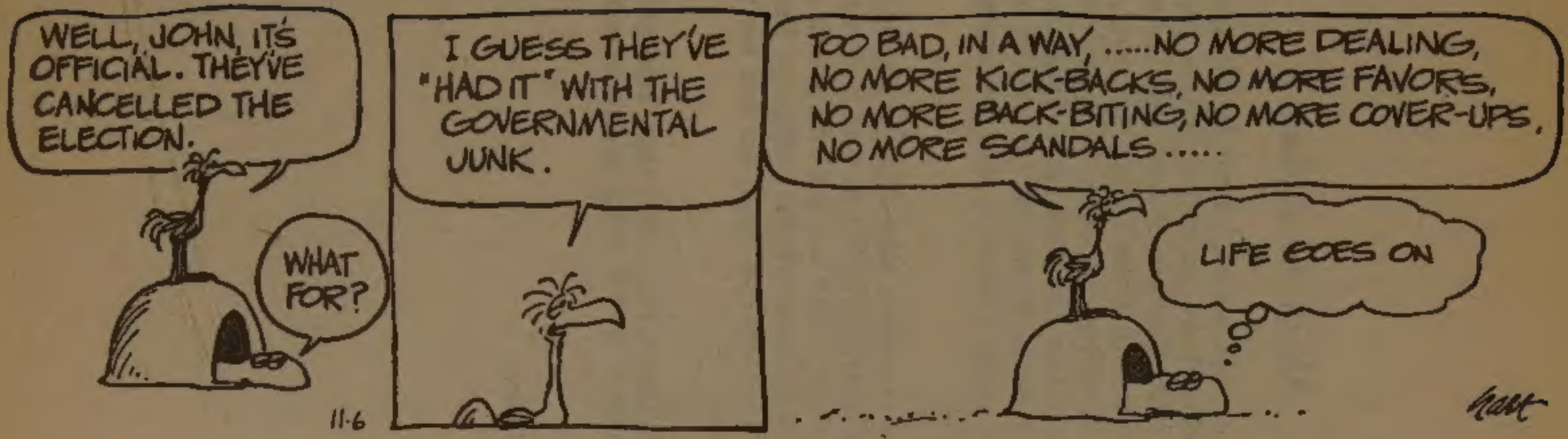

YOU HIDE WORMS IN YOUR WALLET?
CLUMSY'S BAIT SHOP


WELL, JOHN, IT'S OFFICIAL. THEY'VE CANCELLED THE ELECTION.
WHAT FOR?
I GUESS THEY'VE "HAD IT" WITH THE GOVERNMENTAL JUNK.
TOO BAD, IN A WAY, ...NO MORE DEALING, NO MORE KICK-BACKS, NO MORE FAVORS, NO MORE BACK-BITING, NO MORE COVER-UPS, NO MORE SCANDALS .....
LIFE GOES ON
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About the Author

As far back as he can remember, Johnny Hart has been drawing funny pictures, which have gotten him into or out of trouble, depending on the circumstances. It wasn't until he was nineteen and met young cartoonist Brant Parker, however, that he seriously began to consider cartooning as a profession. In the years that followed, that ambition grew—nurtured by Hart's wife, Bobby, who stood by him as he labored over kitchen tables far into the night, hoping to join the fraternity of cartoonists he idolized.

In 1959, his dream came true when B.C. ran nationally for the first time. THE WIZARD OF ID followed five years later, co-created by Brant Parker. Hart has gone on to win many major awards for his cartoons, including the prestigious Reuben Award for Cartoonist of the Year, in 1968. He and his wife live in upstate New York.

An interesting sidelight to this whole saga, Hart tells us, is that many of the characters in his strips are patterned after true, real-life friends.

That wasn't too smart.

LATELY, I'VE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE GETTING MY HEAD ON STRAIGHT.
DR. PETER ⟷ HEAD SHRINKER
IT LOOKS FINE TO ME.
SURE, YOU CAN SAY THAT, YOU'RE UPSIDE DOWN.

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